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THE WORLD'S GREATEST SUPER HERO!

The **AMAZING SPIDER-MAN®**

**NO GADGETS.
NO POWERS.
NO HOLDS
BARRED!**



**SLOTT
IMMONEN
von GRAWBADGER
GRACIA**

WHEN PETER PARKER WAS BITTEN BY A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER, HE GAINED THE PROPORTIONAL SPEED, STRENGTH, AND AGILITY OF A SPIDER; ADHESIVE FINGERTIPS AND TOES; AND THE UNIQUE PRECOGNITIVE AWARENESS OF DANGER CALLED "SPIDER-SENSE"! AFTER LEARNING THAT WITH GREAT POWER THERE MUST ALSO COME GREAT RESPONSIBILITY, HE BECAME THE CRIME-FIGHTING SUPER HERO CALLED...

The AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

SPIDER-MAN'S ARCHNEMESIS, **NORMAN OSBORN**, HAS BEEN SELLING WEAPONS ON THE BLACK MARKET FOR MONTHS. HOT ON OSBORN'S TRAIL, THE WALL-CRAWLER CAME FACE-TO-FACE WITH NONE OTHER THAN **SILVER SABLE**.

SABLE REVEALED THAT OSBORN HAS BEEN WORKING WITH THE SYMKARIAN MONARCH, **COUNTESS KARKOV**, TO ASSUME CONTROL OF SABLE'S NATIVE COUNTRY OF SYMKARIA AND TURN IT INTO HIS OWN PERSONAL MUNITIONS FACTORY.

PETER DECIDED TO USE HIS PARKER INDUSTRIES TECH TO INTERVENE ALONGSIDE SILVER SABLE AND HER REVOLUTIONARIES, THE WILD PACK, AND FORMER S.H.I.E.L.D. AGENT **MOCKINGBIRD** TO LIBERATE SYMKARIA AND CAPTURE OSBORN ONCE AND ALL.



THE OSBORN IDENTITY PART FOUR: "ONE-ON-ONE"

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SYMKARIA.

ALL OF OSBORN'S SOLDIERS...HE'S PUMPED 'EM FULL OF **GOBLIN SERUM!**

THEY'RE HIS NEW SECRET WEAPON!

THAT'S WHAT HE'S GOING TO SELL WAR-TORN LANDS AROUND THE WORLD-- AN ACTUAL GOBLIN ARMY!

THE COUNTESS ORDERED EVERYONE IN THE CITY TO STAY WHERE THEY WERE.

SHE TOLD THEM THEY WERE SYMKARIA'S "GREATEST RESOURCE." YOU DON'T THINK...?



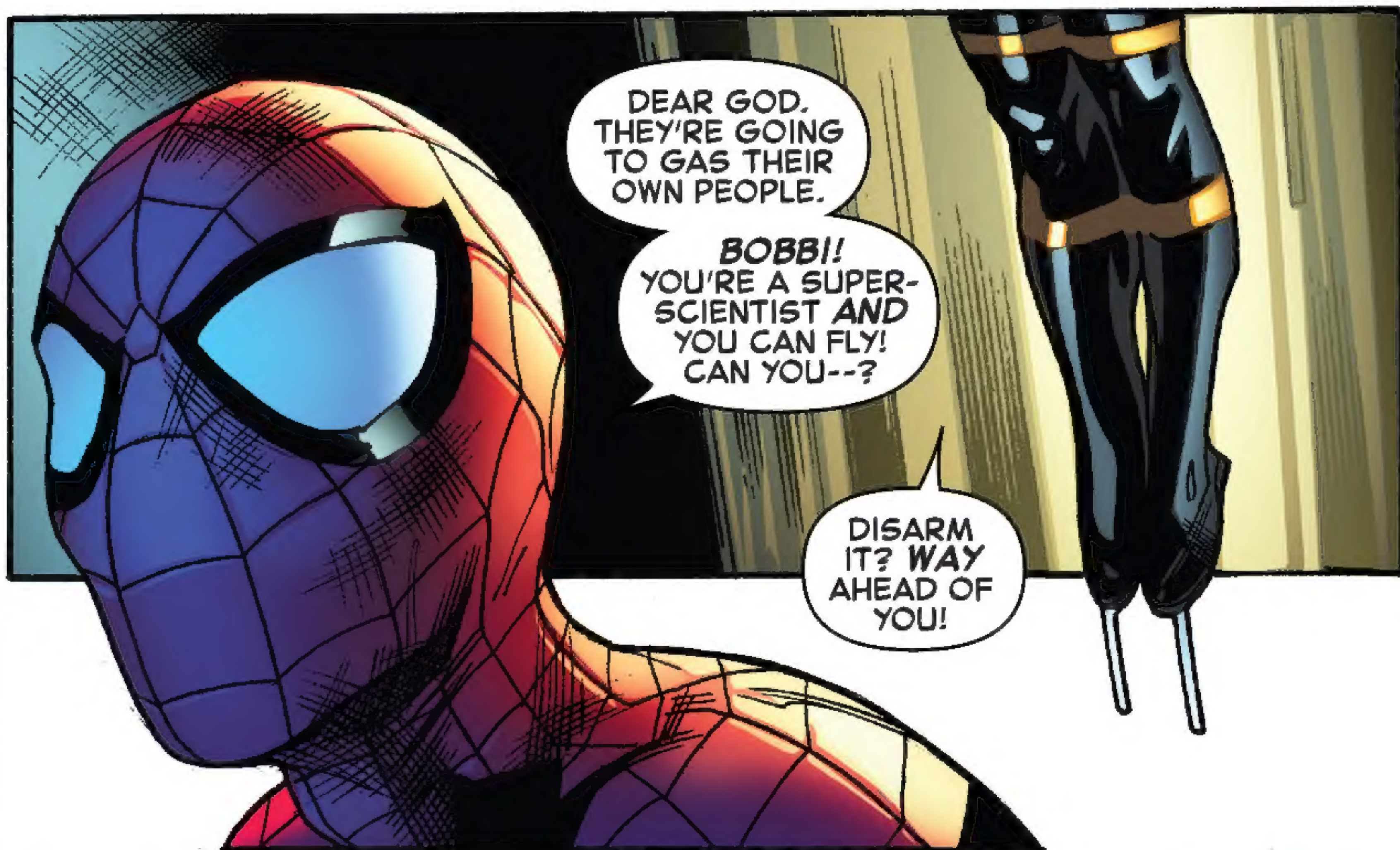
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DEAR GOD. THEY'RE GOING TO GAS THEIR OWN PEOPLE.

BOBBI! YOU'RE A SUPER-SCIENTIST AND YOU CAN FLY! CAN YOU--?

DISARM IT? WAY AHEAD OF YOU!



FOXTROT! TANGO! GET IN THE AIR! GIVE MOCKINGBIRD COVER FROM THOSE GOBLIN GLIDERS!

WHAT ABOUT THE REST OF US, SABLE? WHAT ARE OUR ORDERS?





THIS WAY!
TRUST ME.
THERE'S ALWAYS A
RECALL SWITCH OR
A SELF-DESTRUCT
BUTTON.

AND IF IT'S
ANYWHERE, IT'LL
BE WITH OSBORN.
IF WE ALL STORM
THE CASTLE--

NO.

X-RAY, ROMEO,
AND JULIET--
YOUR TEAMS WILL
EVACUATE THE
CITY.

GET MY
PEOPLE AS
FAR AWAY FROM
THERE AS
YOU CAN.

SPIDER-MAN
AND I WILL TAKE
CASTLE KARKOV
ALONE.



SABLE, WAIT. THINGS ARE
GETTING PRETTY HAIRY
RIGHT NOW...

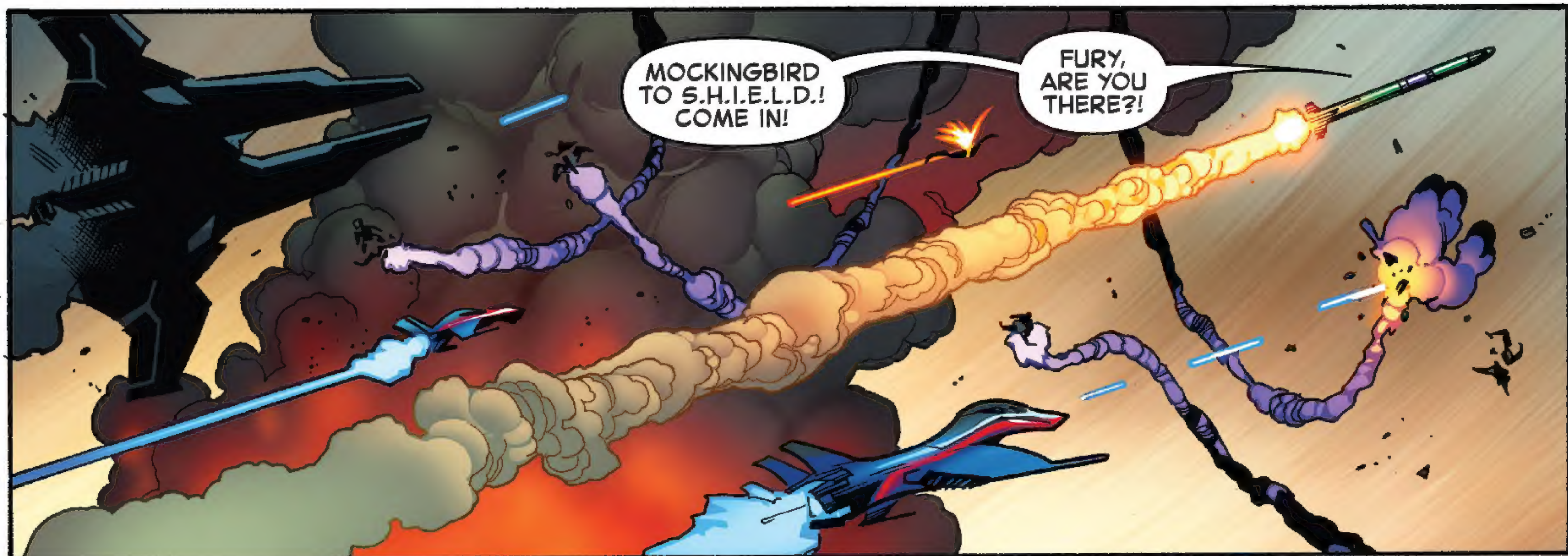
...AND THERE
CAN ONLY BE
ONE PERSON HERE
CALLING THE
SHOTS.

AGREED...



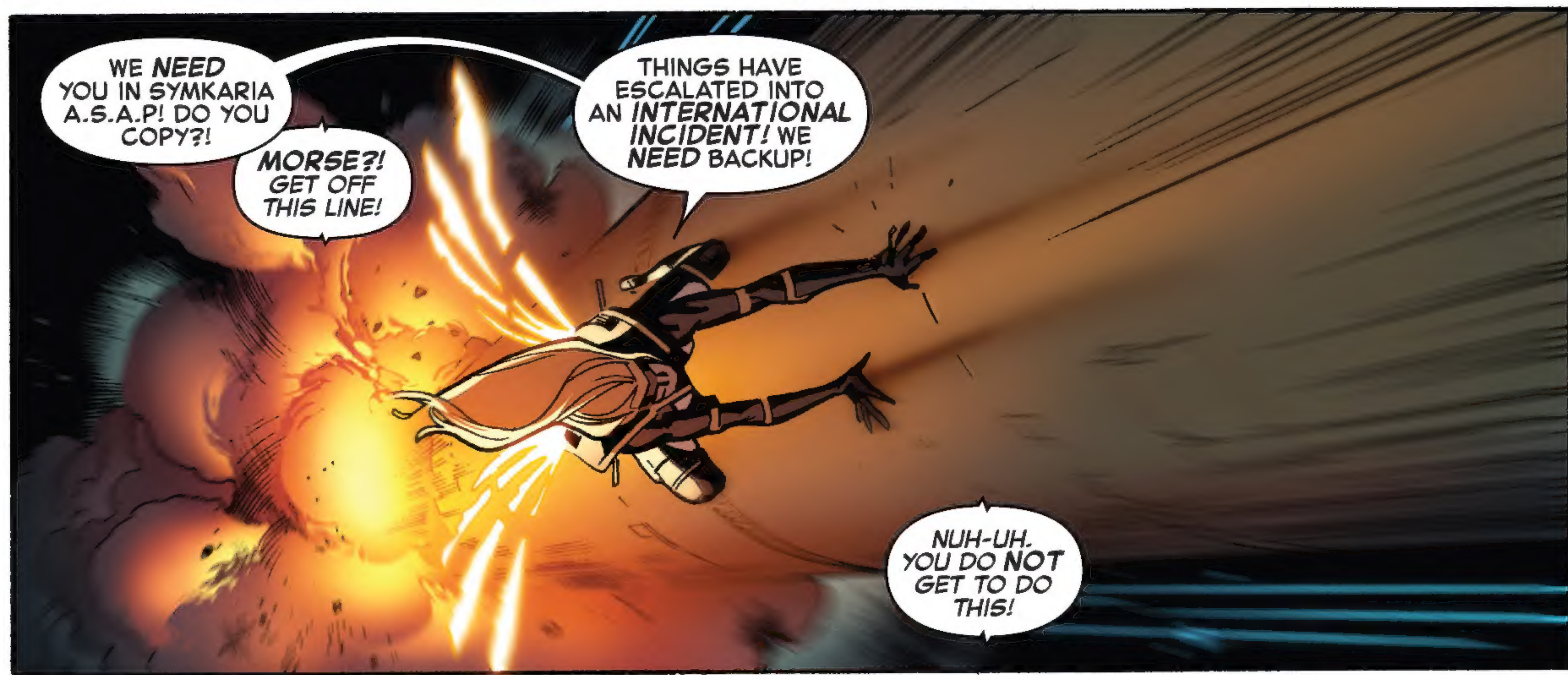
...AND IN
MY HOMETLAND,
THAT WOULD BE
ME! THIS WAY,
SPIDER!

...
YEAH. I
WALKED RIGHT
INTO THAT,
DIDN'T I?



MOCKINGBIRD
TO S.H.I.E.L.D.!
COME IN!

FURY,
ARE YOU
THERE?!



WE NEED
YOU IN SYMKARIA
A.S.A.P! DO YOU
COPY?!

MORSE?!
GET OFF
THIS LINE!

THINGS HAVE
ESCALATED INTO
AN INTERNATIONAL
INCIDENT! WE
NEED BACKUP!

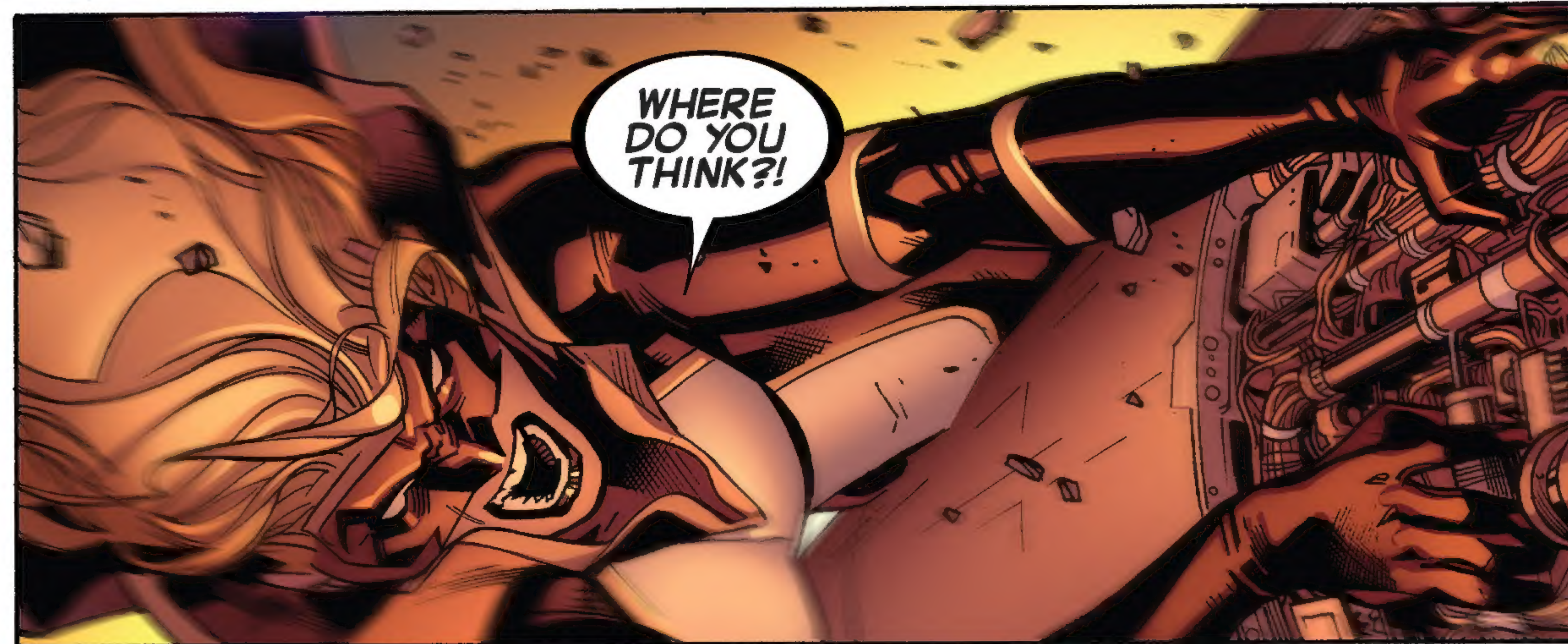
NUH-UH.
YOU DO NOT
GET TO DO
THIS!



YOU
RESIGNED!
REMEMBER?!

NICK,
THEY FIRED A
MISSILE! AT
CIVILIANS!

WHAT?!
BOBBI, WHERE
ARE YOU
NOW?



WHERE
DO YOU
THINK?!



WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH MY BAD GUYS?!

THEY TURN ALL THE PEOPLE IN MANHATTAN INTO SPIDERS, MY WORK FRIENDS INTO LIZARDS, EVERYONE INTO CARRIONS. NOW THIS!

SPIDER, FOCUS!

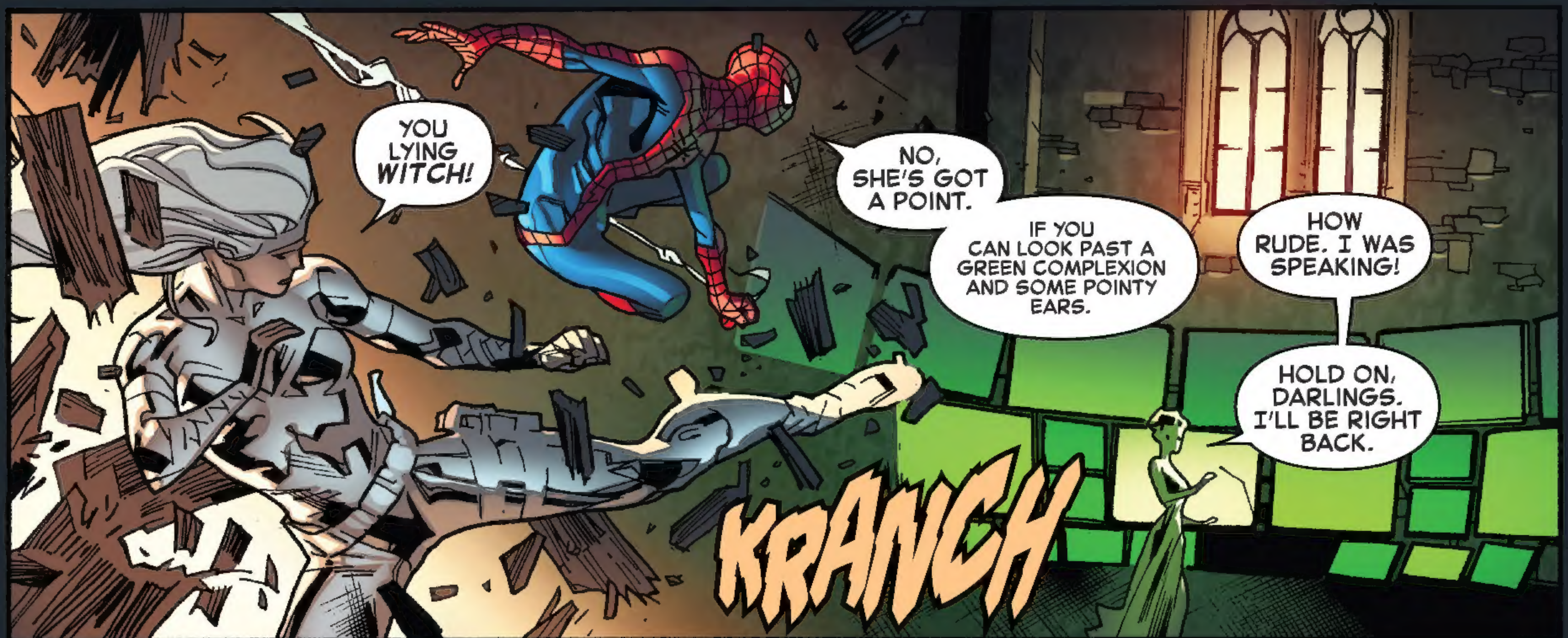
I'M JUST SAYING, WOULD IT KILL 'EM TO GO ROB A BANK ONCE IN A WHILE?



ALL OF YOU, PLEASE REMAIN CALM.

KNOW THAT OUR FAITHFUL SOLDIERS OF SYMKARIA WILL PREVAIL!

I SWEAR TO YOU ALL, WHEN THIS IS OVER, WE SHALL ALL RISE UP STRONGER THAN BEFORE!



YOU LYING WITCH!

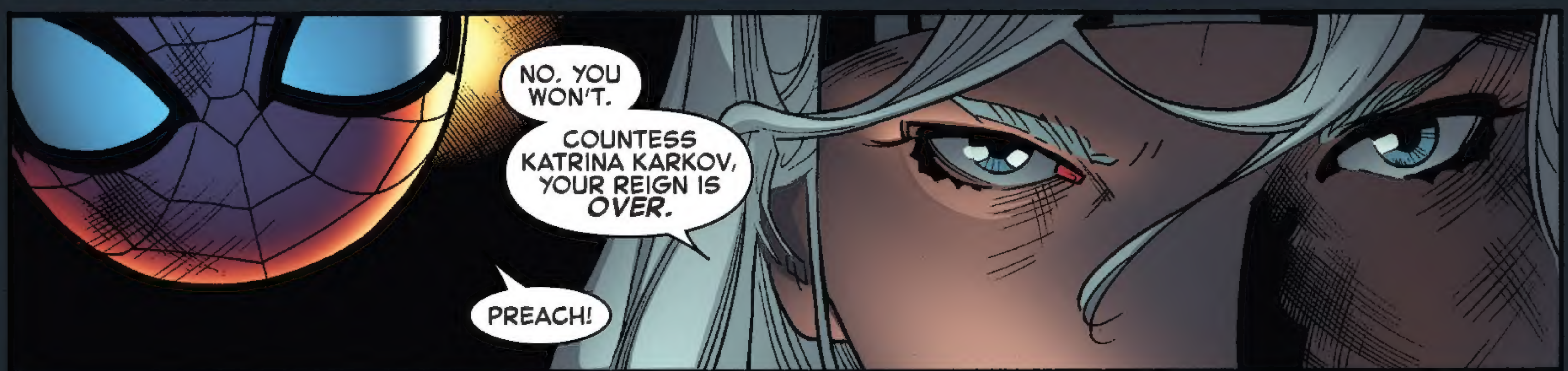
NO, SHE'S GOT A POINT.

IF YOU CAN LOOK PAST A GREEN COMPLEXION AND SOME POINTY EARS.

HOW RUDE. I WAS SPEAKING!

HOLD ON, DARLINGS. I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.

KRANCH



NO. YOU WON'T.

COUNTESS KATRINA KARKOV, YOUR REIGN IS OVER.

PREACH!



JULIET TO SABLE! WE GOT A SITUATION OVER HERE!

X-RAY, ROMEO, AND ALL OUR MEN...

MA'AM, PLEASE.

LET GO OF ME!

...WE'RE GETTING NOWHERE WITH THESE CROWDS.

YOU'RE ALL IN GRAVE DANGER! YOU HAVE TO--

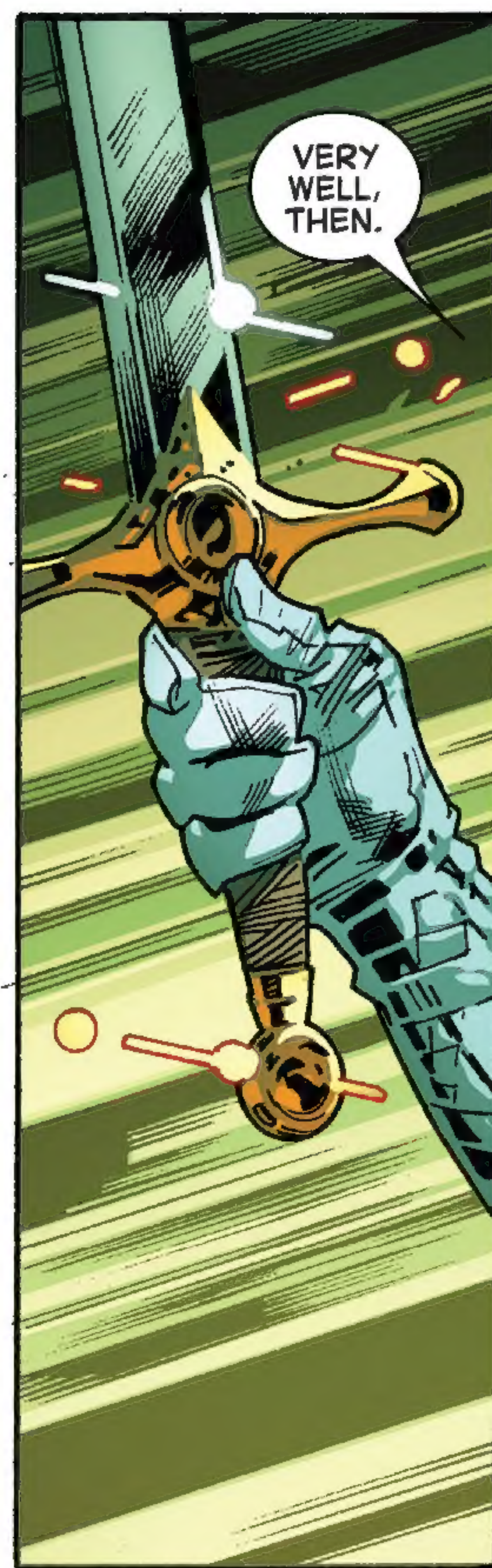
YOU HEARD THE COUNTESS! FIGHT BACK!

DON'T LET 'EM DRAG YOU FROM YOUR HOMES!



HMM. IT WOULD APPEAR, SABLINOVA...

...THAT I STILL RULE.



VERY WELL, THEN.



I CHALLENGE YOU--IN THE TRUE NAME OF SYMKARIA!

SO... THOSE AREN'T JUST WALL DECORATIONS.

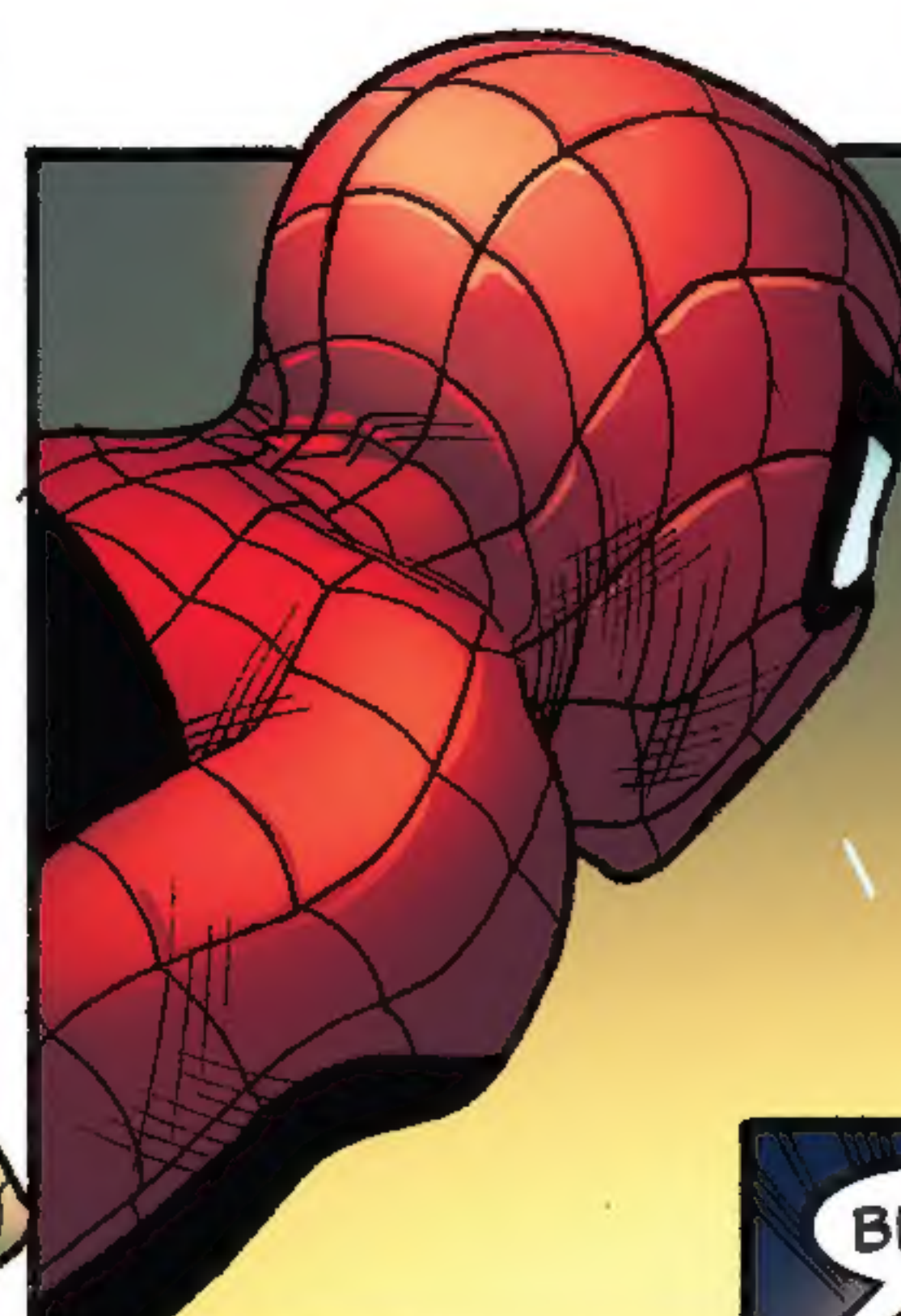


I ACCEPT. OH, SABLE...



...YOU MAY BE A FIERCE WARRIOR AND A FINE PHYSICAL SPECIMEN...

...BUT I HAVE BEEN TRAINED TO BE THE BEST SWORDSMAN IN EUROPE. YOU DON'T STAND A BEGGAR'S CHANCE.



SORRY, BUT THIS IS STUPID. WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR ANY OF THESE ROYAL SHENANIGANS!

THEN LEAVE. YOU WANT OSBORN? FIND HIM. FINISH WHAT YOU'VE STARTED.



BUT--

GO! THAT'S AN ORDER.



RIGHT. AND WHERE HAVE I HEARD THAT BEFORE?

OH, YEAH. THE TIME YOU ALMOST DIED.

WAIT. THAT TURNED OUT OKAY. NEVER MIND. BACK TO YOUR SABER FIGHT. USE THE FORCE! LATER.



TIME TO SEE HOW BLUE THAT BLOOD OF YOURS REALLY IS.

KLANG

DARLING, YOU'RE NOT EVEN GOING TO SEE ME SWEAT.



FINDING OSBORN IN A STRANGE CASTLE?

NOT A PROBLEM. JUST HAVE TO USE MY SPIDER-SENSE IN REVERSE...

...AND HEAD TO WHERE THERE'S THE **MOST** DANGER.



OF COURSE, THAT DOESN'T MEAN **IGNORING** IT.

THOK

SORRY, SHORT, SQUAT, AND SCALY. BUT **YOU'RE** NOT THE GOBLIN I'M LOOKING FOR.



THEN AGAIN, YOU'RE NOT REALLY A GOBLIN ANYMORE, **ARE** YOU, NORMIE?

HOW'S **THAT** WORKING FOR YOU? NOT EASY BEING GREEN-LESS, IS IT?

STOP RIGHT THERE. SEE THIS? I RELEASE THIS TRIGGER AND THE MISSILE DETONATES.

THE YIELD WON'T BE AS GREAT. BUT I'M BETTING YOU THINK YOU CAN SAVE EVERYONE.

WHOA. EASY, OSBORN. C'MON. LET'S TALK ABOUT THIS FACE TO--

GYAH! YOUR FACE! WHAT'D YOU DO TO--

NO JOKES. UNDERSTOOD?

YOU STARTED THIS ALL SO SERIOUS, THEN YOU FOUND YOUR SENSE OF "HUMOR," DIDN'T YOU?

WHEN YOU SAW IT COULD **RATTLE** ME. LOOK AT ME. YOU DON'T WANT ME RATTLED.



ALL RIGHT. NO JOKES.
HAND OVER THAT
TRIGGER.

YOU *KNOW*
I CAN TAKE
YOU. YOU HAVE *NO*
GOBLIN-STRENGTH.
OR HIS LEVEL
OF CRAZY.

I
GOT YOU
BEAT.

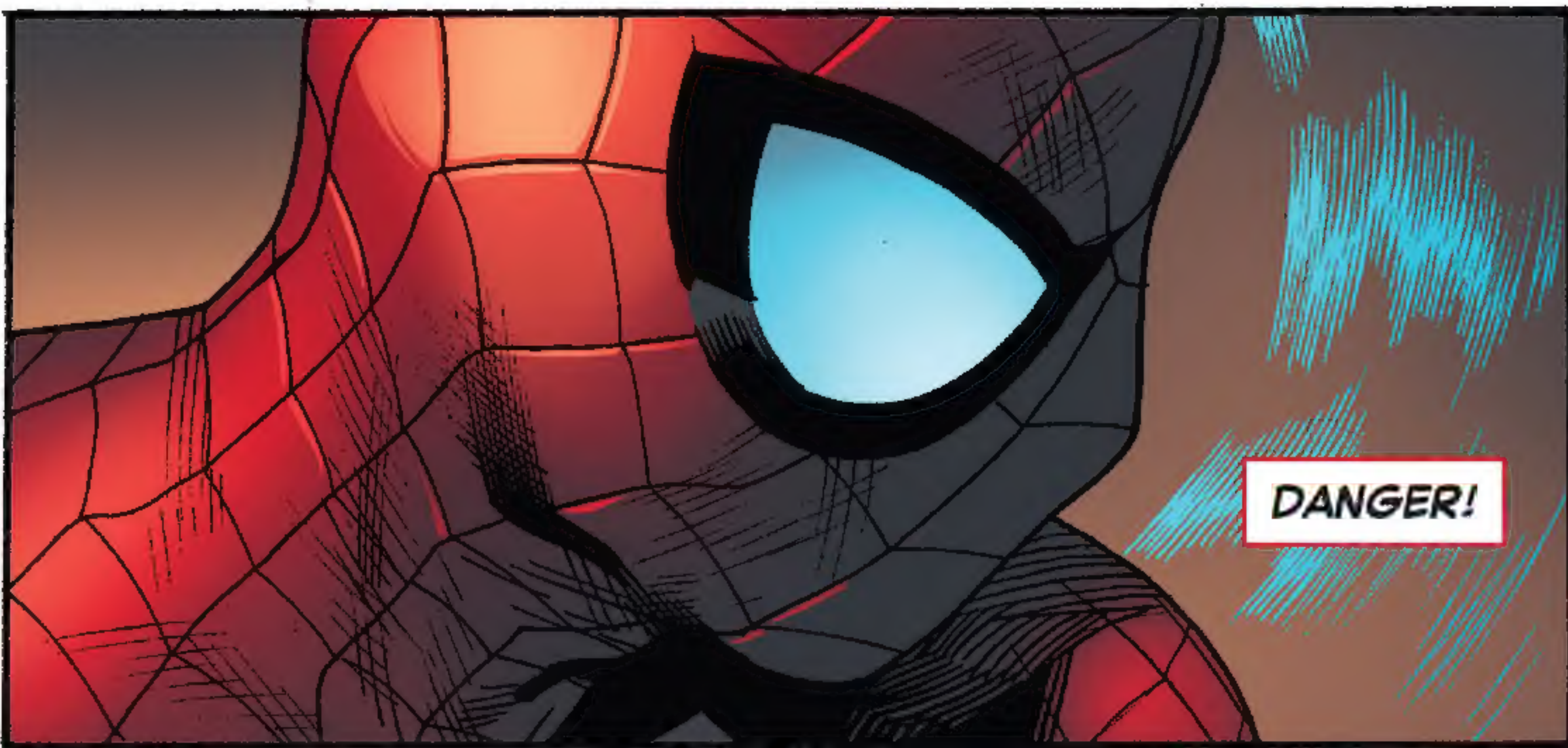
FINE. BUT
FIRST...



...YOU
HAVE TO
CATCH
ME!

AAAND HERE WE
GO. OF COURSE
IT'S A TRAP. I'M
NOT AN IDIOT...

...BUT ALL I
NEED IS *ONE*
CLEAR SHOT AND
I CAN WEB THAT
KILL SWITCH
DOWN.



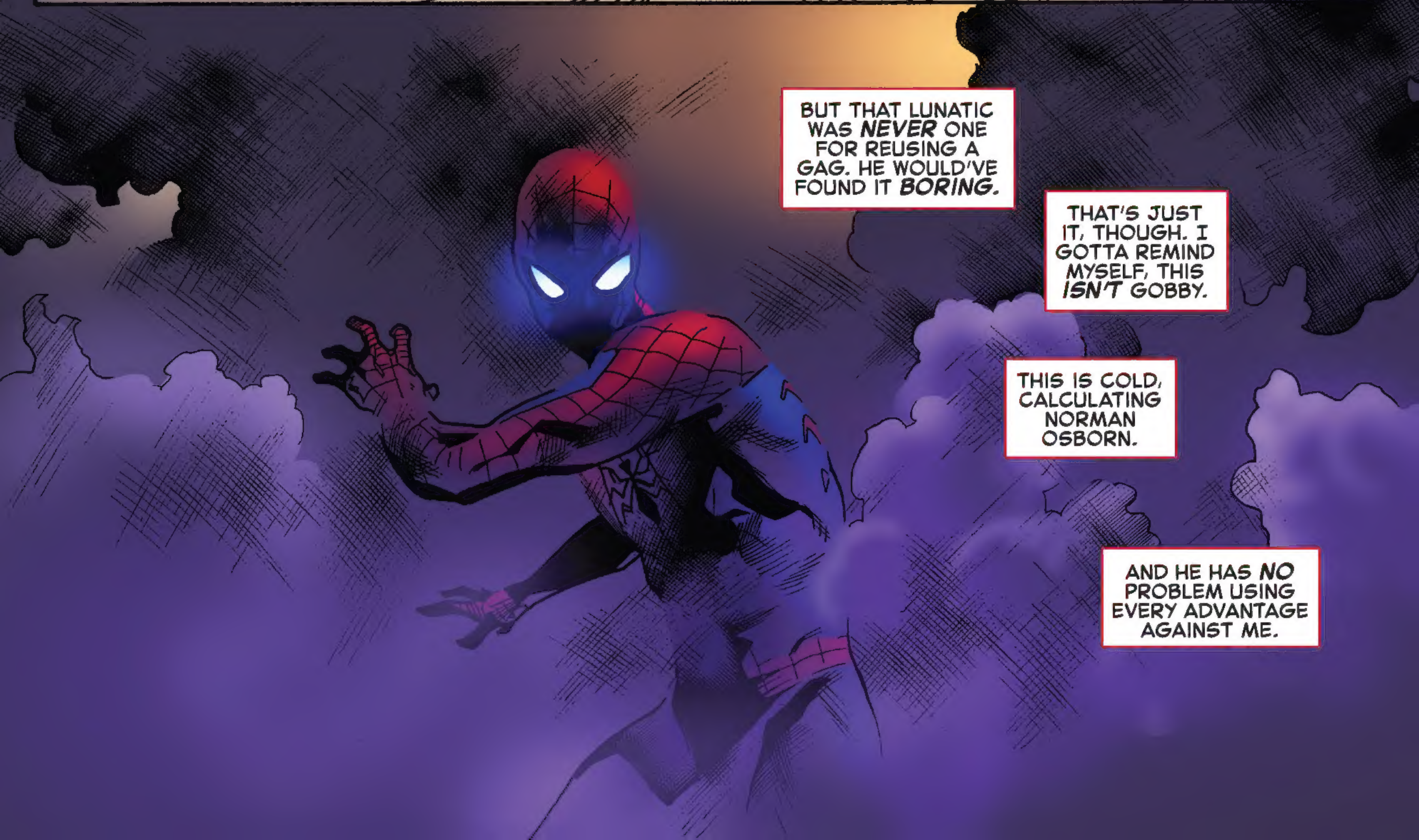
DANGER!



AND...IT'S
GONE?

OH, NO. I KNOW
THIS GAS. THE
GOBLIN USED IT
ON ME ONCE...

...TO TEMPORARILY
TAKE AWAY MY
SPIDER-SENSE!



BUT THAT LUNATIC
WAS *NEVER* ONE
FOR REUSING A
GAG. HE WOULD'VE
FOUND IT *BORING*.

THAT'S JUST
IT, THOUGH. I
GOTTA REMIND
MYSELF, THIS
ISN'T GOBBY.

THIS IS COLD,
CALCULATING
NORMAN
OSBORN.

AND HE HAS *NO*
PROBLEM USING
EVERY ADVANTAGE
AGAINST ME.



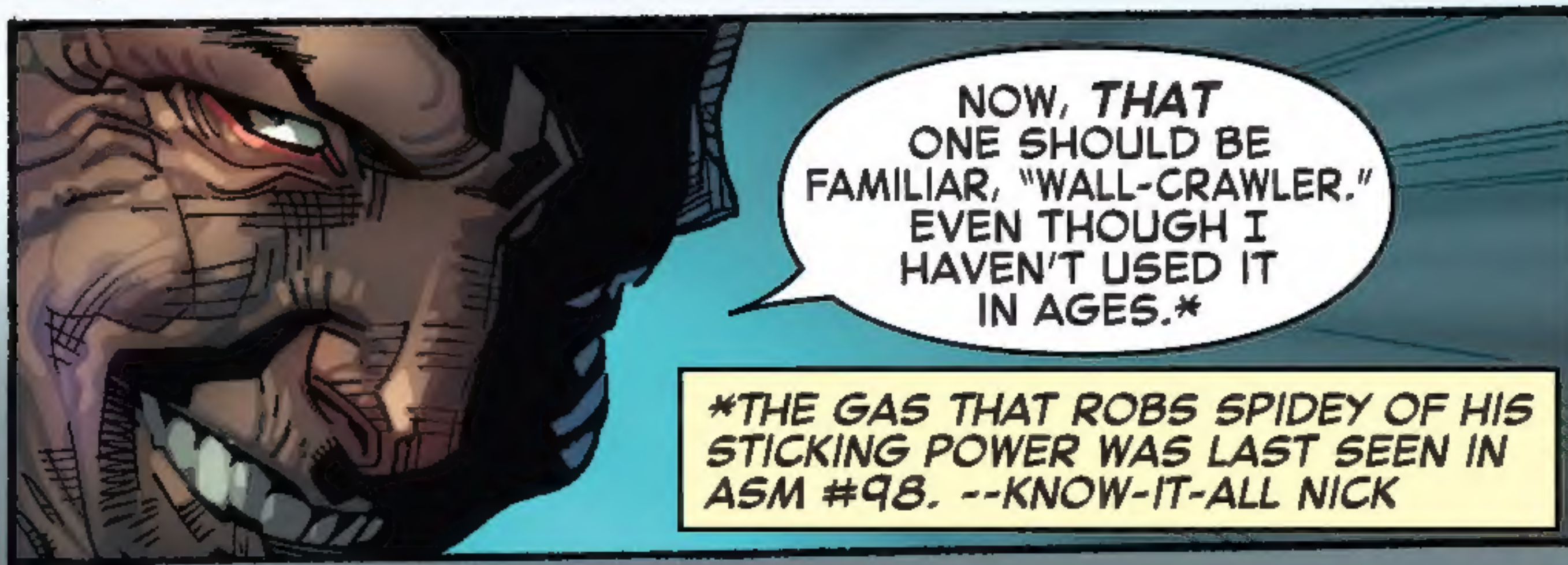
WHAT'S THE MATTER, SPIDER? CAN'T KEEP UP?

WHAT'S HAPPENED TO THAT IMPRESSIVE SPIDER-SPEED OF YOURS?

HOLD ON! WHAT'VE YOU DONE--?

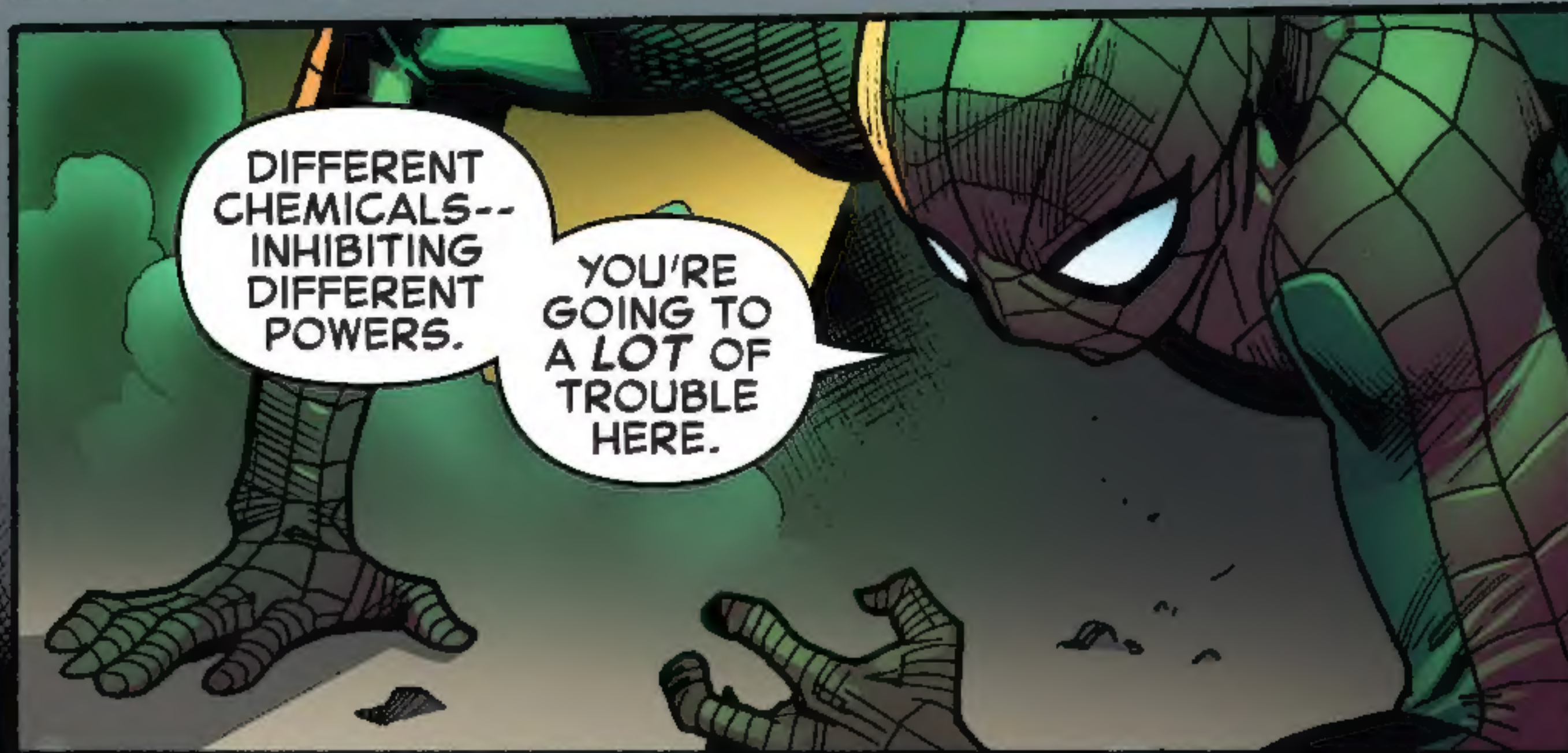


UMMF!



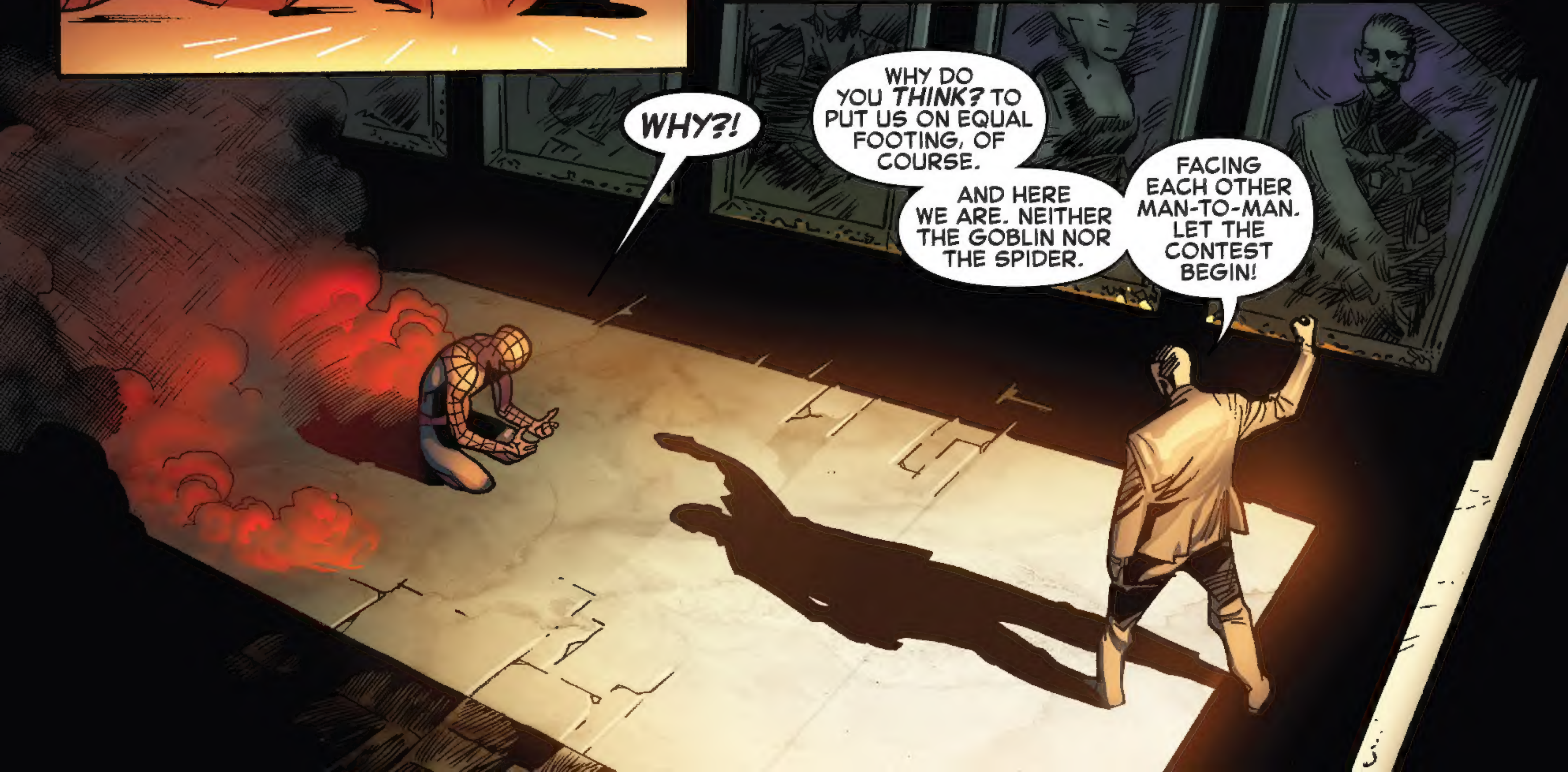
NOW, *THAT* ONE SHOULD BE FAMILIAR, "WALL-CRAWLER." EVEN THOUGH I HAVEN'T USED IT IN AGES.*

*THE GAS THAT ROBS SPIDEY OF HIS STICKING POWER WAS LAST SEEN IN ASM #98. --KNOW-IT-ALL NICK



DIFFERENT CHEMICALS-- INHIBITING DIFFERENT POWERS.

YOU'RE GOING TO A LOT OF TROUBLE HERE.



WHY?!

WHY DO YOU *THINK?* TO PUT US ON EQUAL FOOTING, OF COURSE.

AND HERE WE ARE. NEITHER THE GOBLIN NOR THE SPIDER.

FACING EACH OTHER MAN-TO-MAN. LET THE CONTEST BEGIN!



NO! IT'S OVER!
'CAUSE *THIS* MAN?
HE'S STILL GOT SOME
TRICKS UP HIS
SLEEVE.

WEB-SHOOTERS!
CARTRIDGE
SEV--



KLIK



SORRY. THERE
IS NO REMOTE
DETONATOR. THIS IS
A SWITCH FOR
THESE PANELS...

...AND AN
ELECTRO-
MAGNETIC
PULSE!

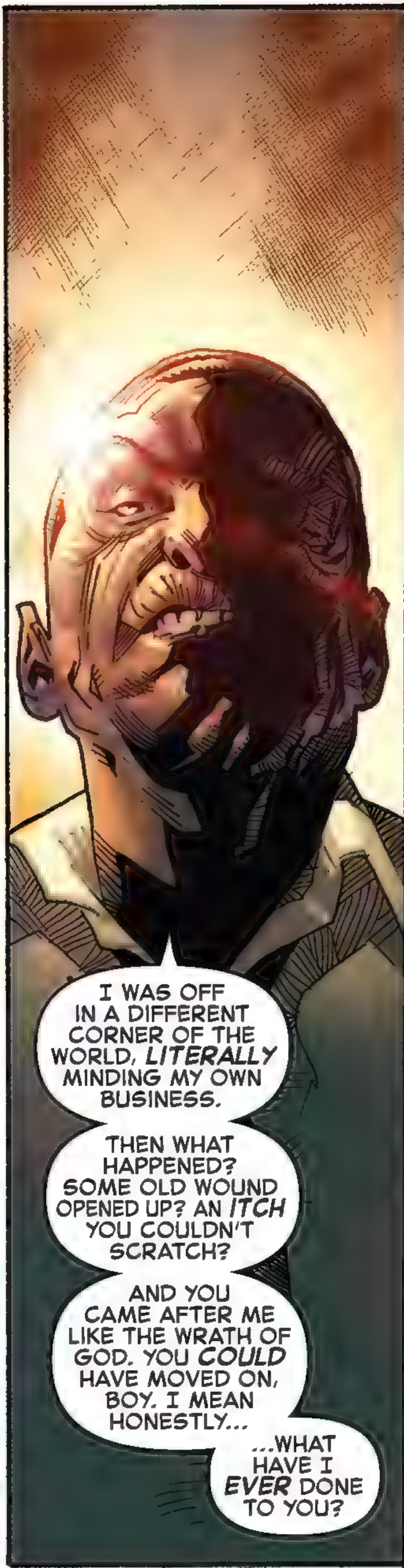
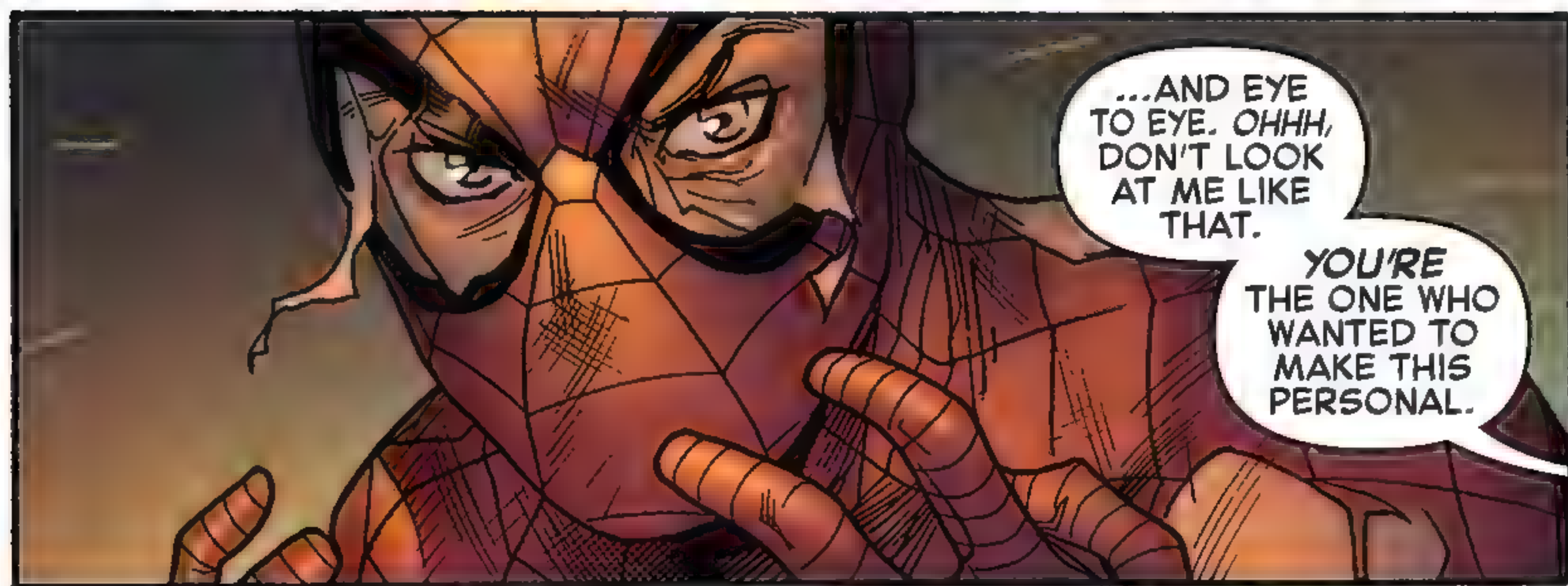
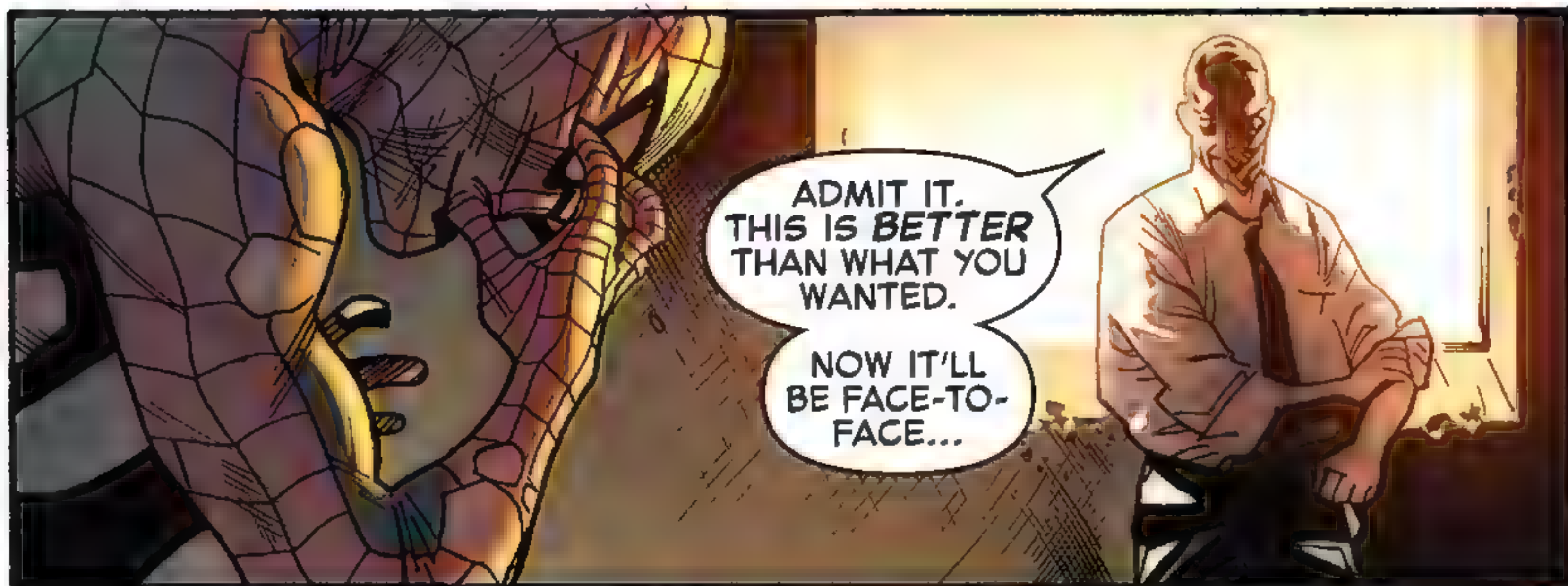
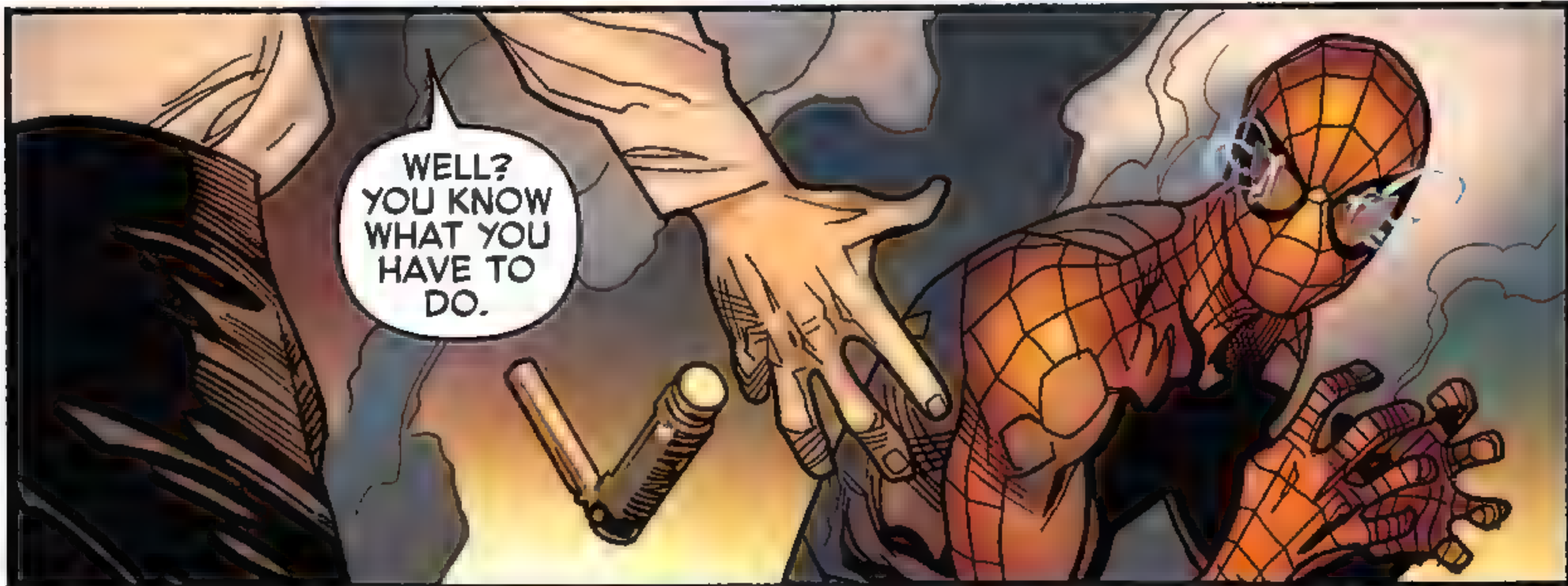
SAY
GOODBYE TO
THAT PATHETIC
SPIDER-ARMOR
OF YOURS.

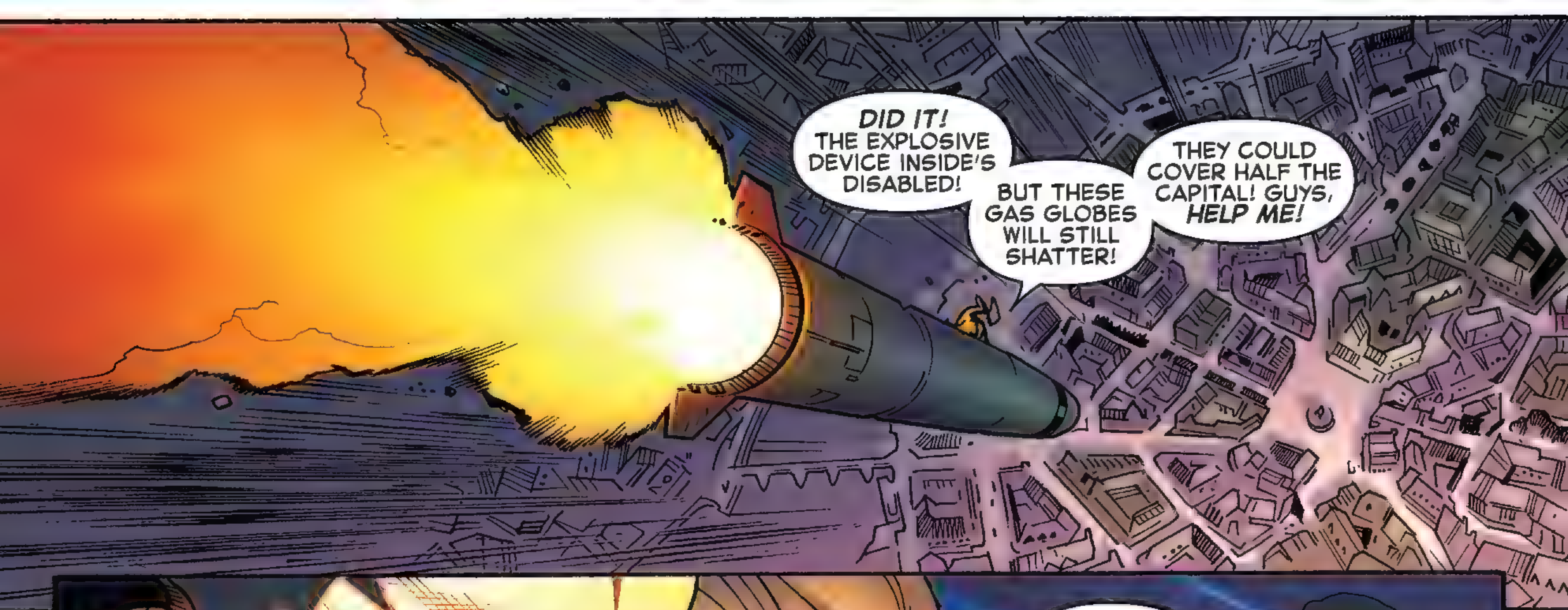


LET ME GUESS.
YOUR HIGH-TECH,
VOICE-ACTIVATED
WEB-SHOOTERS ARE
USELESS NOW
TOO, RIGHT?

SHOULD'VE STUCK
TO THE OLD, CRUDE
MECHANICAL
MODELS.

SON
OF A...

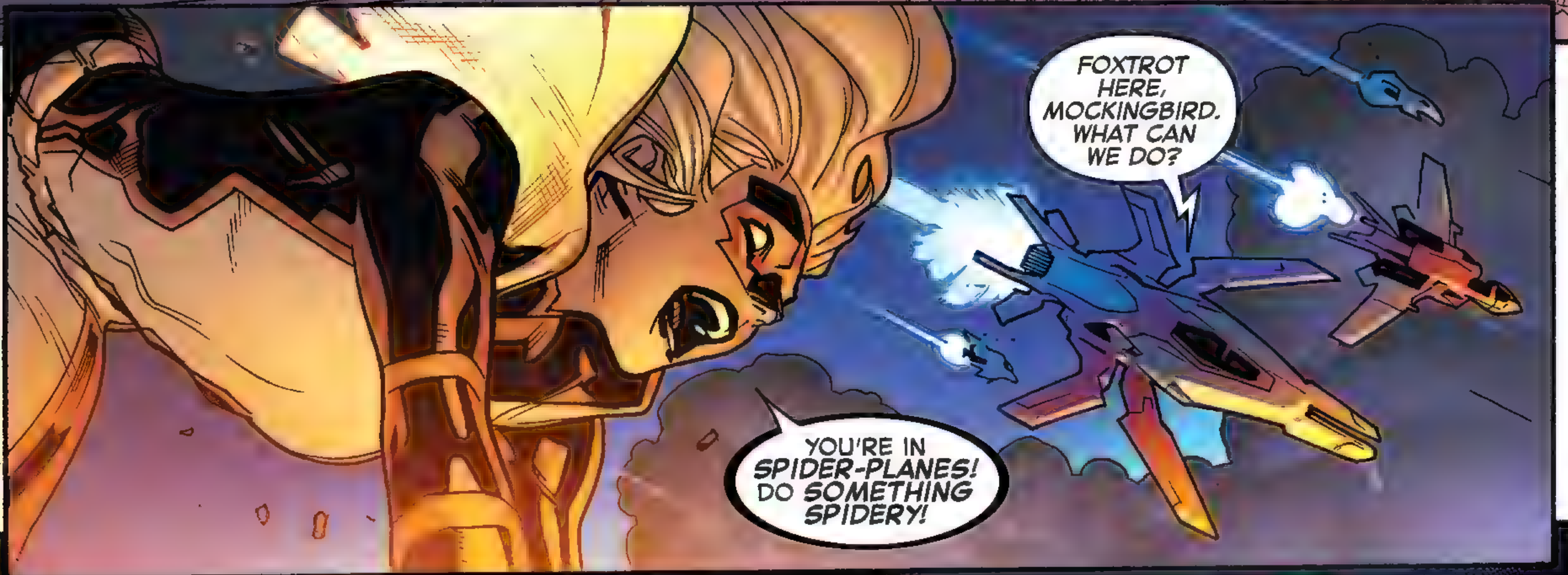




DID IT!
THE EXPLOSIVE
DEVICE INSIDE'S
DISABLED!

BUT THESE
GAS GLOBES
WILL STILL
SHATTER!

THEY COULD
COVER HALF THE
CAPITAL! GUYS,
HELP ME!



FOXTROT
HERE,
MOCKINGBIRD.
WHAT CAN
WE DO?

YOU'RE IN
SPIDER-PLANES!
DO SOMETHING
SPIDERY!



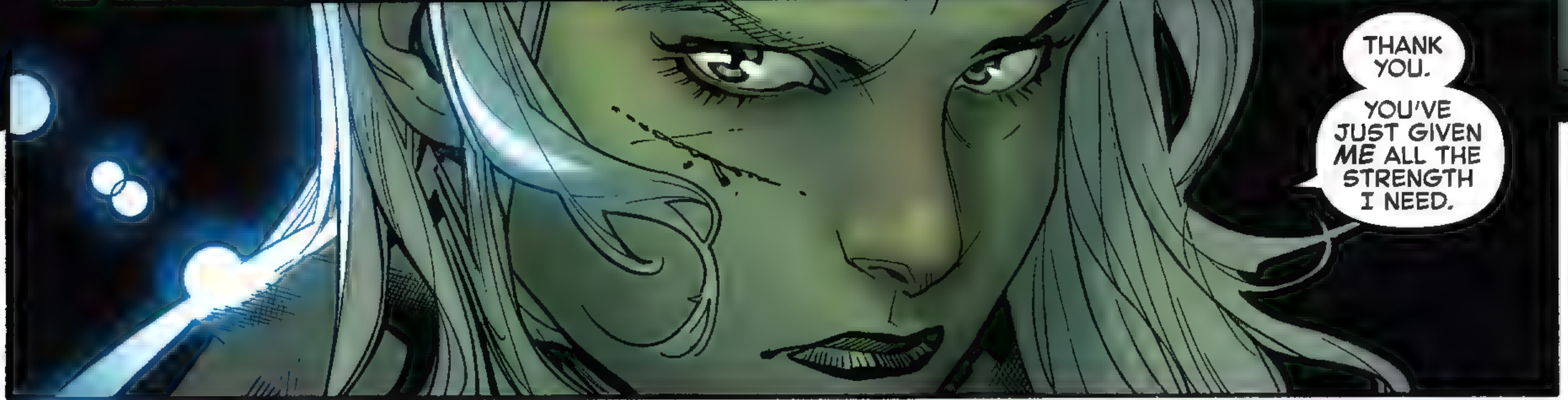
TOUCHE.

GNNH!
DO YOU EVEN
KNOW WHAT
OSBORN'S WEAPON
WILL DO TO OUR
PEOPLE?

DO
YOU EVEN
CARE?!

OF COURSE,
DEAR. WE ARE
WELL SHIELDED
HERE. BUT
THEM?

THEY WILL
BECOME
STRONGER!
AND **FEARED**
AROUND THE
WORLD!



THANK
YOU.

YOU'VE
JUST GIVEN
ME ALL THE
STRENGTH
I NEED.



YOU--YOU KNEW, DIDN'T YOU? THAT THERE WERE SNOW BANKS BELOW--THAT THEY'D CUSHION OUR FALL?

HUH. SURE. YOU TELL YOURSELF THAT.

COCKY AS ALWAYS. TO THE END.

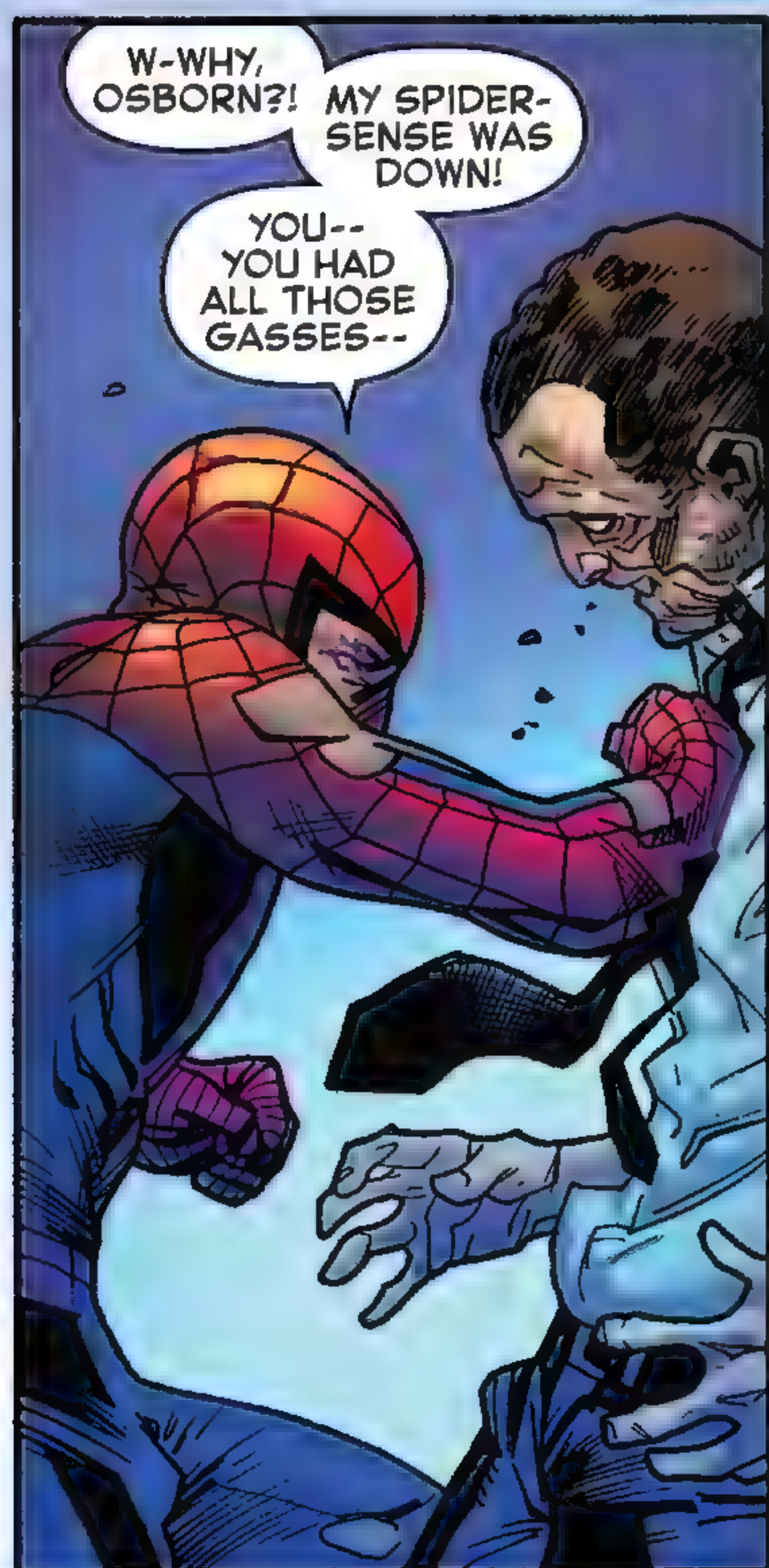


WHETHER YOU DESERVE IT--

FWAK

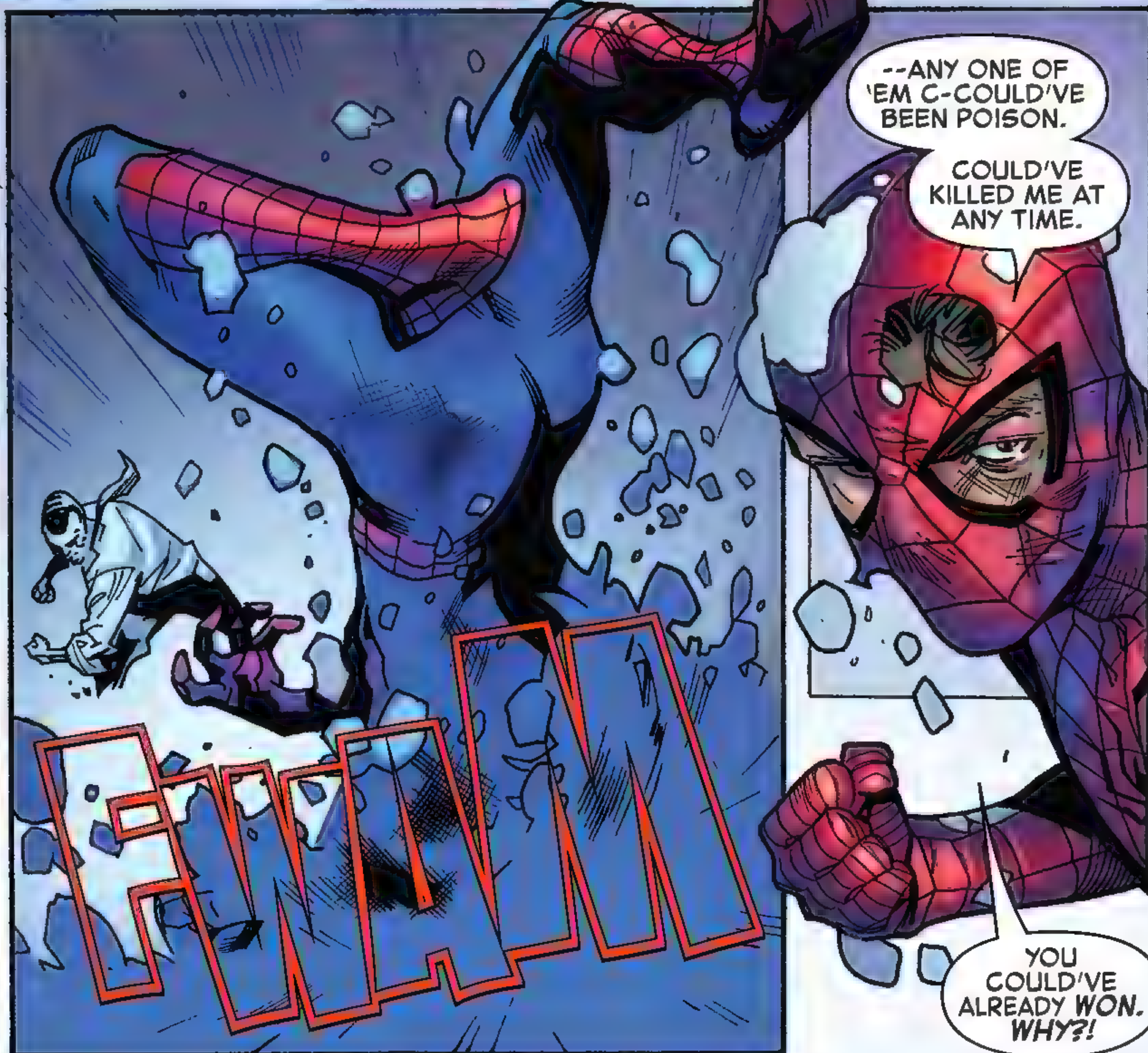
--OR NOT!

UNHH!



W-WHY, OSBORN?! MY SPIDER-SENSE WAS DOWN!

YOU-- YOU HAD ALL THOSE GASSES--



--ANY ONE OF 'EM C-COULD'VE BEEN POISON.

COULD'VE KILLED ME AT ANY TIME.

YOU COULD'VE ALREADY WON. WHY?!



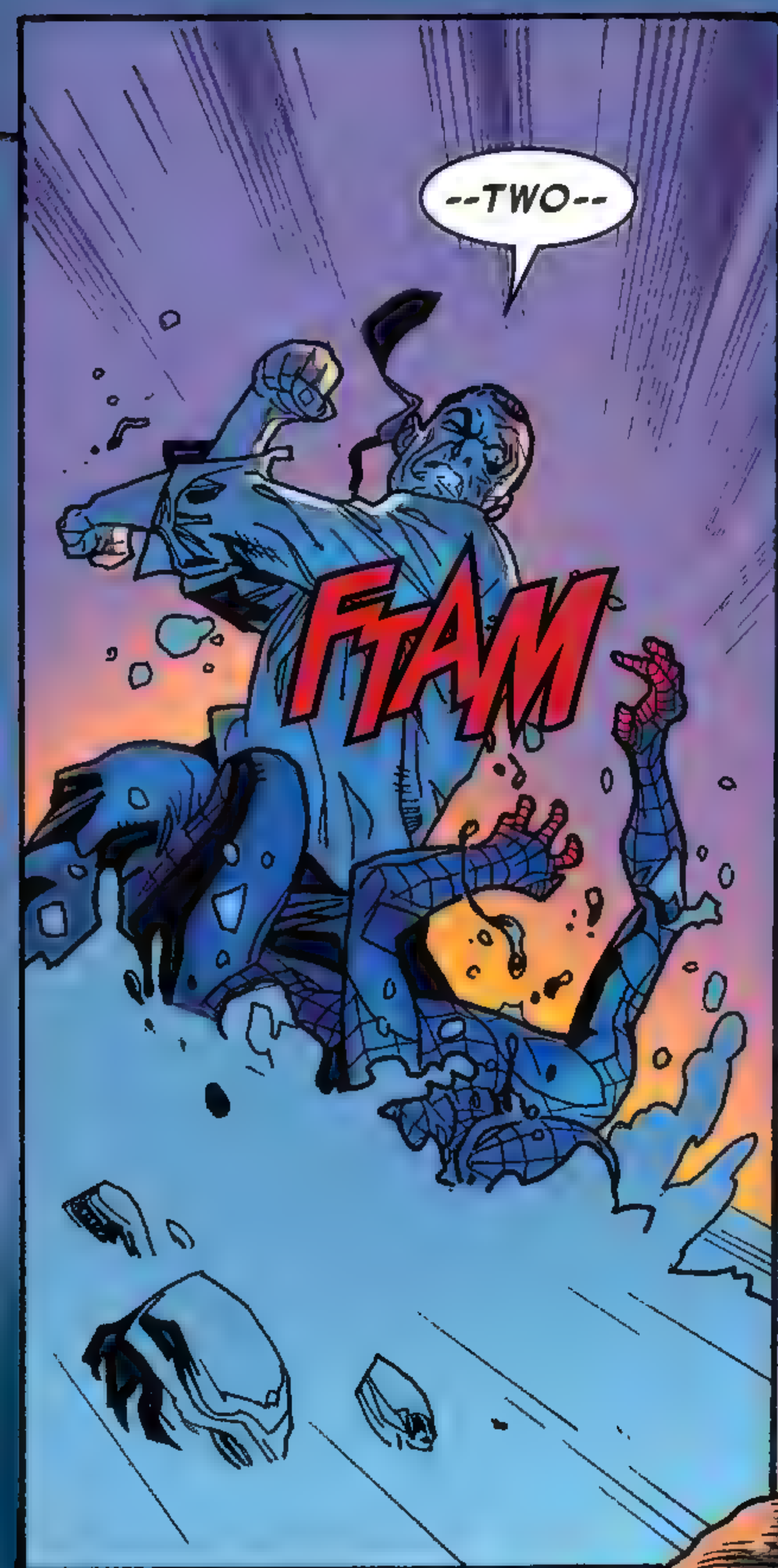
I WANTED TO MAKE SURE YOU KNEW--

--THAT YOU WERE NOTHING COMPARED TO ME. JUST SOME DUMB KID.

THAT I CAN BREAK YOU WHENEVER I WANT.

WITH MY OWN--

KRAK



--TWO--

FTAM



--HANDS!

POW



DON'T YOU WORRY, BUG. I WAS NEVER GOING TO KILL YOU.

THIS WILL BE FAR BETTER.

UNHH--



SECONDS FROM NOW, MY BOMB WILL DETONATE. AND WHILE I MAY BE UNAFFECTED...

...EVERYONE WITHIN MILES OF HERE WILL BE TURNED INTO MY LOYAL GOBLIN SLAVES...

...INCLUDING YOU.

THAT WILL BE MY ULTIMATE REVENGE. YOU'LL BE MINE. IN THREE... TWO...



WHAT?

HOW
IS THIS
POSSIBLE?

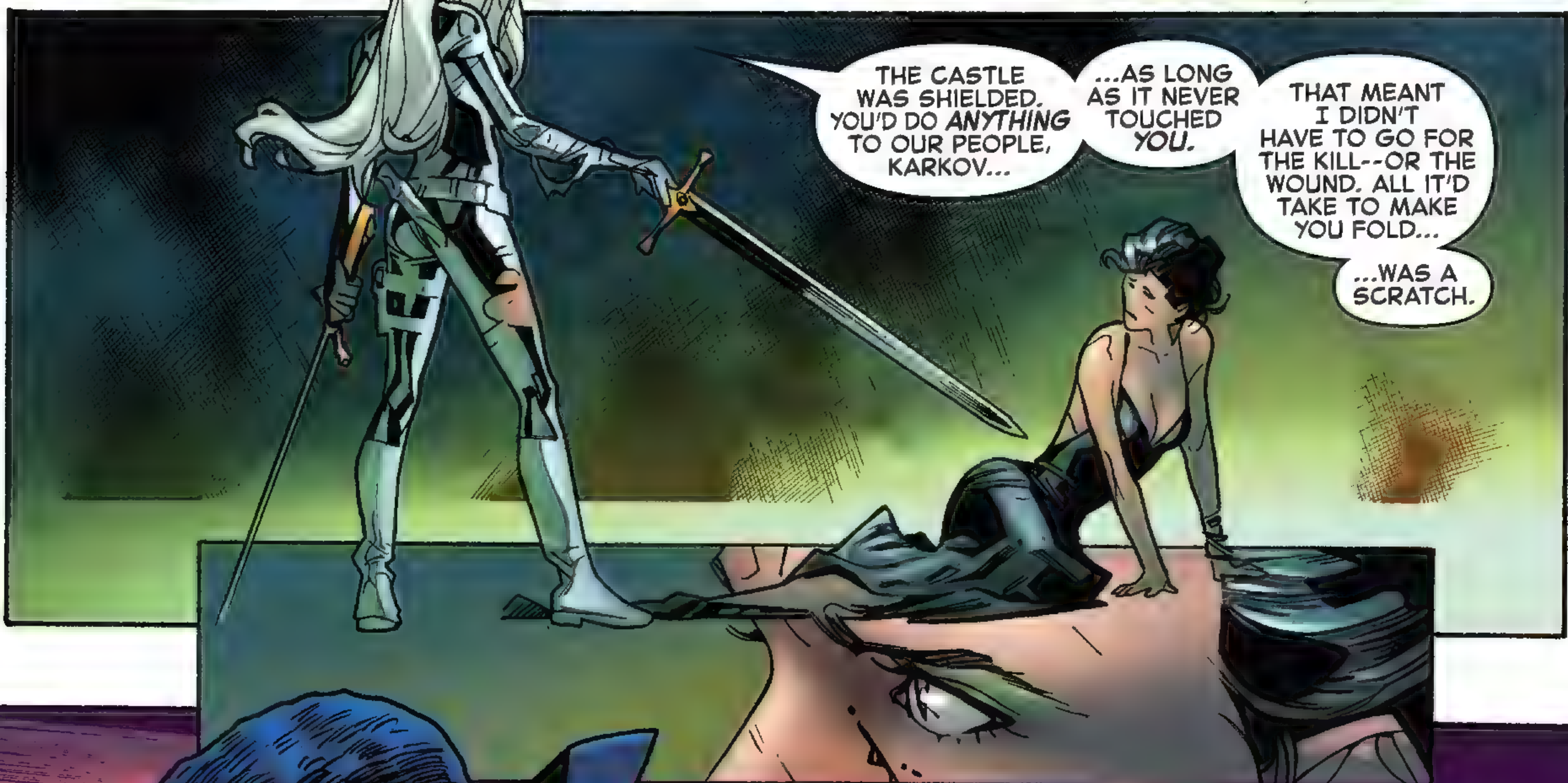
I--I DON'T
NEED TO BEAT
YOU WITH MY OWN
TWO HANDS.

HA. THEY
HATE ME
SAYING IT, BUT...I
HAVE AMAZING
FRIENDS.



FOXTROT TO
MOCKINGBIRD.

HOPE THAT
WAS SPIDERY
ENOUGH FOR
YOU, MA'AM.



THE CASTLE
WAS SHIELDED.
YOU'D DO ANYTHING
TO OUR PEOPLE,
KARKOV...

...AS LONG
AS IT NEVER
TOUCHED
YOU.

THAT MEANT
I DIDN'T
HAVE TO GO FOR
THE KILL--OR THE
WOUND. ALL IT'D
TAKE TO MAKE
YOU FOLD...

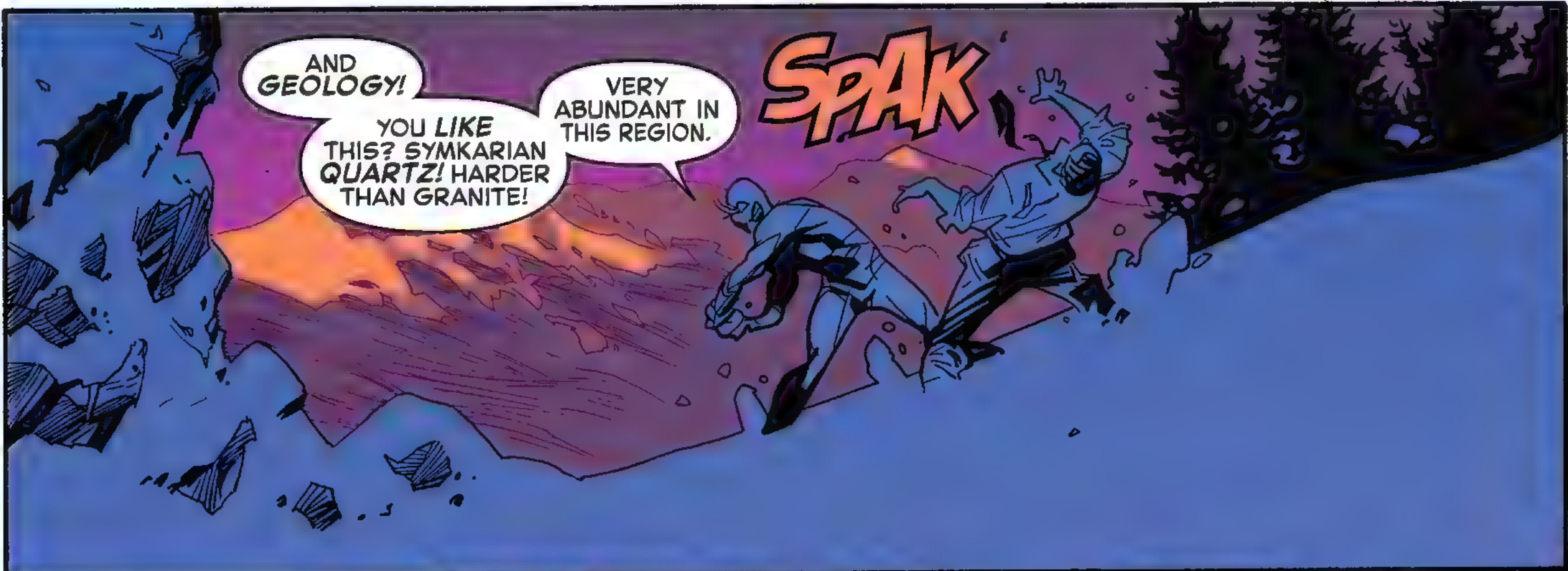
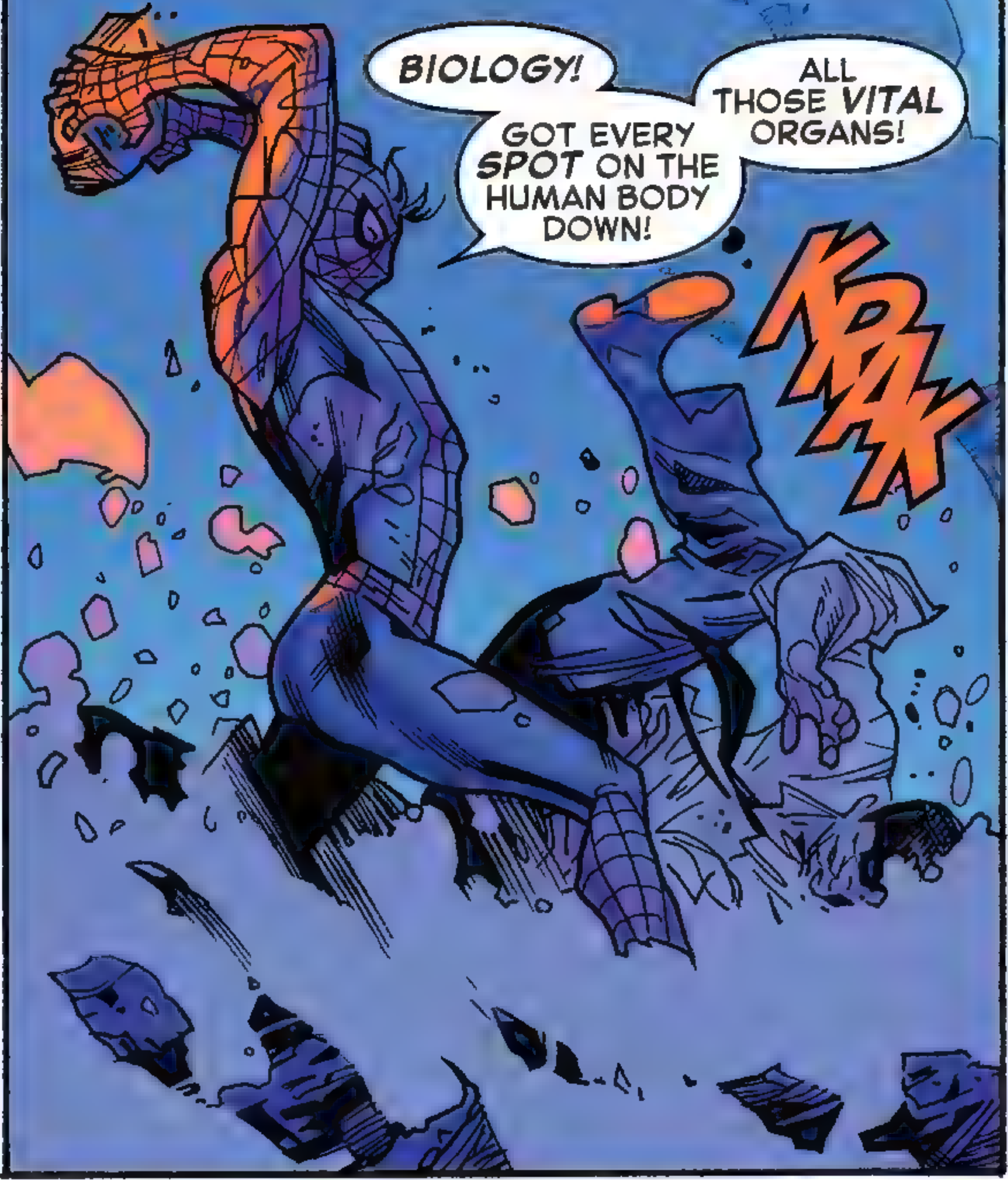
...WAS A
SCRATCH.

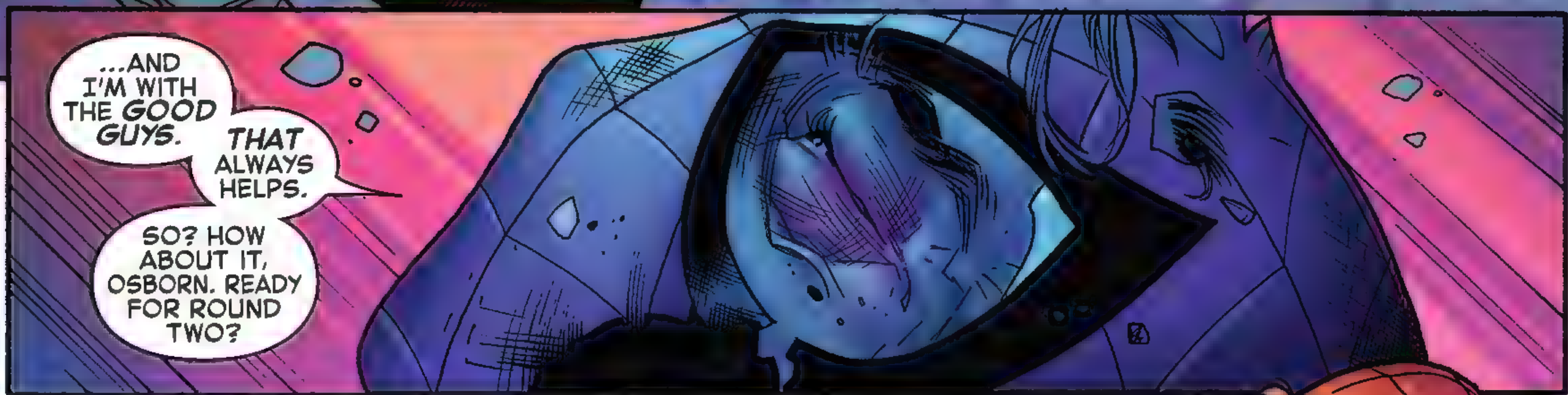


OH, AND
I'VE GOT
ONE MORE
THING.

RUNK

I'VE
GOT THIS
ROCK.







OOH. HOW LONG HAVE I...?

COUPLE HOURS.

SO? HOW'D YOU GUYS DO?

FROM THE LOOKS OF IT? A LOT BETTER THAN YOU, SLUGGER.

PAY HER NO MIND, SPIDER. WITH YOUR HELP, MY PEOPLE ARE FREE OF BOTH OSBORN AND THE COUNTESS.

SYMKARIA WILL ALWAYS BE GRATEFUL.



WELL, WEB-HEAD? WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY FOR YOURSELF?

YOU'RE WELCOME? C'MON, NICK. OSBORN WAS A THREAT YOU SHOULD HAVE LOOKED INTO.

THE WORLD'S A BETTER PLACE BECAUSE PARKER INDUSTRIES--



HELL NO. YOU AND PARKER, YOU TOOK IT UPON YOURSELVES TO OVERTHROW A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT.

S.H.I.E.L.D. WANTS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS.

IN FACT, WE'RE SEVERING ALL TIES WITH YOU. FROM HERE ON OUT, YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN.



WONDERFUL. THERE'S GOING TO BE ALL KINDS OF BLOWBACK FROM THIS ONE.

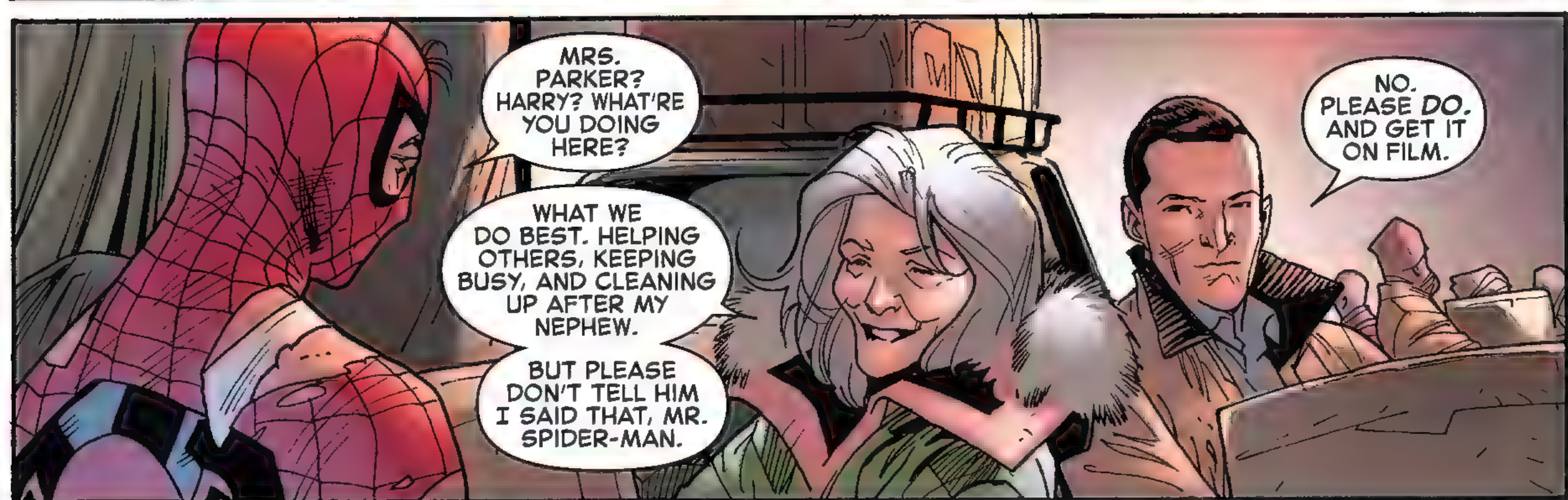
THE LEAST OF WHICH--S.H.I.E.L.D. WAS OUR BIGGEST CLIENT. I COULD REALLY USE SOME GOOD NEWS ABOUT--

WAIT. THOSE TRUCKS. THEY'RE FROM THE UNCLE BEN FOUNDATION!

THANK YOU, MISS.

IT'S NO PROBLEM, DEAR.

THERE'S NO NEED TO CROWD. WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF FOOD, WATER, AND SUPPLIES FOR EVERYONE.



MRS. PARKER? HARRY? WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?

WHAT WE DO BEST. HELPING OTHERS, KEEPING BUSY, AND CLEANING UP AFTER MY NEPHEW.

BUT PLEASE DON'T TELL HIM I SAID THAT, MR. SPIDER-MAN.

NO. PLEASE DO. AND GET IT ON FILM.



SERIOUSLY, THOUGH, IF YOU DO SEE PETE...

...TELL 'IM I'LL BE HERE FOR A WHILE, LOOKING AFTER HIS AUNT.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO. REALLY.

NO. I DO.



MY FATHER...HE DID A NUMBER ON THESE PEOPLE. I HAVE TO DO WHATEVER I CAN TO MAKE RIGHT BY THEM.

HARRY, THE UNCLE BEN FOUNDATION HAS THIS COVERED. AS FAR AS YOUR DAD GOES...

...YOU ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANYTHING NORMAN DOES. YOU MADE A CLEAN BREAK.

YOU'RE YOUR OWN MAN NOW. YOU DON'T WANT TO BE LIKE HIM...



...GO HOME AND BE THERE FOR YOUR TWO BOYS.

YOU'RE RIGHT. FOCUS ON WHAT REALLY MATTERS...

"...FAMILY."



I HAVE HIDDEN BANK ACCOUNTS. SLUSH FUNDS. ALL THE RESOURCES TO START AGAIN. BUT I WON'T. NOT YET...

...BECAUSE I KNOW WHAT I REALLY NEED.

TO PUT AN END TO THE ONE THING THAT ALWAYS GETS IN MY WAY: THE SPIDER.



AND I CAN'T DO IT LIKE *THIS*. THE ONLY TIMES I'VE EVER COME CLOSE TO BEATING THAT DAMN BUG...

...IS WHEN I'VE LET MY DEMONS OUT. I NEED HIM. MY REAL FACE! I NEED HIS MADNESS!

THERE IS ONLY ONE TRUE OSBORN IDENTITY THAT MATTERS. THE GREEN GOBLIN MUST LIVE AGAIN!

THE END...P

the AMAZING SPIDER-MAIL

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Web-heads!

Well, how about **THAT?! What a crackling issue! There is nothing quite as thrilling as Peter getting his butt thoroughly kicked, huh? This is just the START of the butt-kicking Peter is in for over the next few months. Get ready because next issue starts our SECRET EMPIRE tie-in arc. And boy, is it a doozy! More on that later. First, some letters!**

Dan,

It's really good to see Silver Sable back again! When, exactly, was she killed off, though...? You never covered that. Stuart is doing some great work here with Dan Slott; I'd rate this above anything X-MEN or STAR WARS I read today. My hope for Silver Sable is that someday she'll join the Avengers!!! Hey, she joined Heroes For Hire, yes? There are Avengers who use guns, yes? Like Deadpool and Black Widow, to name a few.

Then you could use her Avengers superstardom to launch another Wild Pack series! Or Silver Sable and the Wild Pack, like it used to be. It'd have a better shot, too. And hey, if Parker Industries could finance S.H.I.E.L.D., then maybe Silver Sable could finance the Avengers someday! Tony Stark is still dead, right? I guess Parker Industries finances the Avengers now, yeah--but for how long?

Cheers,
Andrew J. Shaw

Thanks for the note, Andrew. For those not on the Marvel Staff, Andrew is one of our most faithful letter writers. Glad you enjoyed the issue. Ms. Sablinova was "killed" back in the "Ends of the Earth" story back in ASM #687! I would LOVE to see her on the Avengers, so I'll do what I can there.

Hi Spidey-Office,

My name is Sebas. Although it's late, finally I've finished reading DEAD NO MORE: THE CLONE CONSPIRACY (and also all the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN issues till #26), and I want to say it was great, I loved this Spidey event, I think Dan Slott is doing a great work with Spidey since always!

Keep it like this! I can't wait to see what happens next, with this SUPERIOR return.

Thank you for your time,
Sebas



Hello Spidey-Office

I have a few questions;

1. Why did you decide to explore Spider-Man/Peter Parker's darker characteristics during the "Osborn Identity" arc?

2. How does it feel having Stuart Immonen on the ASM title?

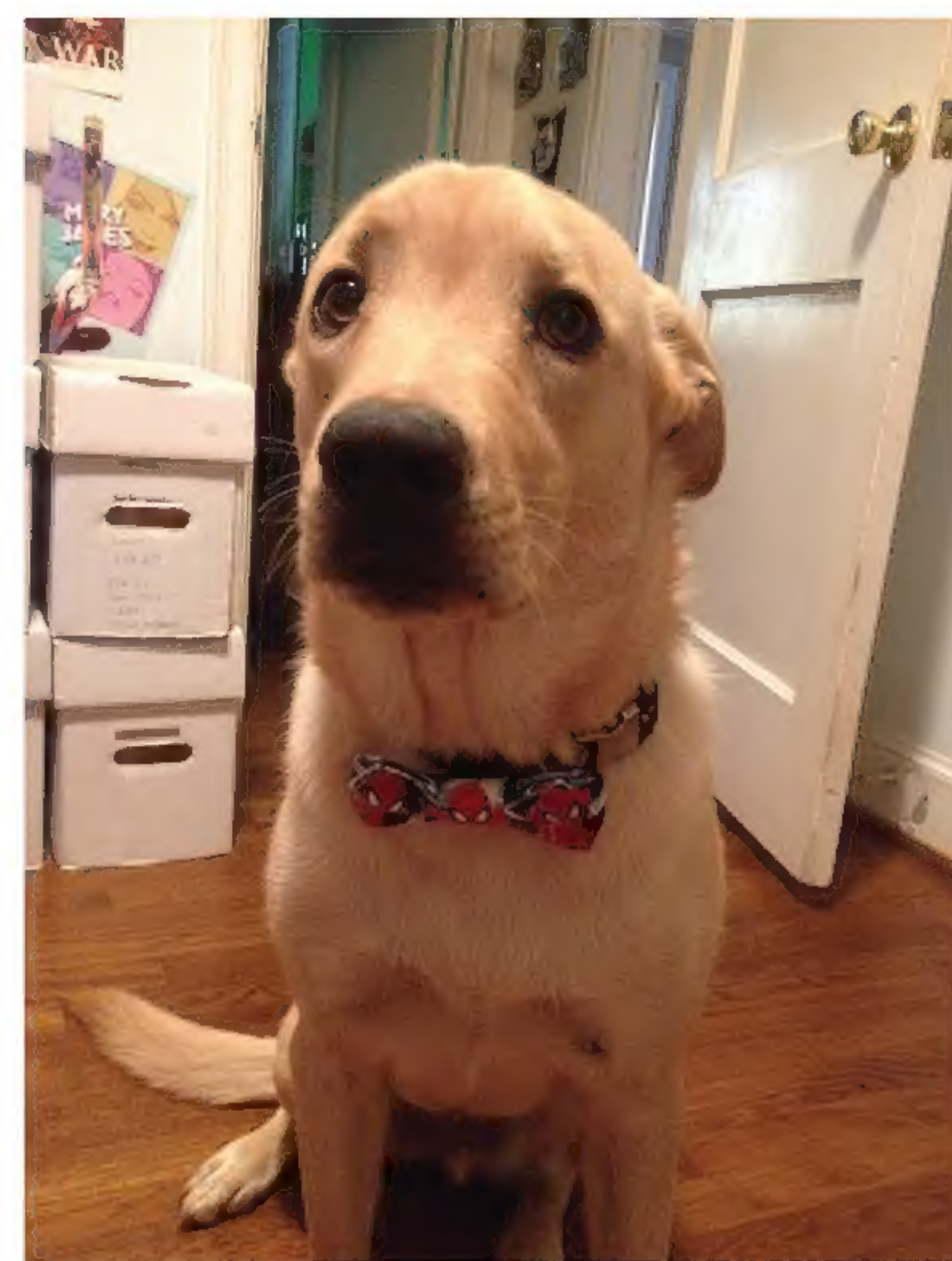
Yours sincerely,
Emeka Uzoh

Thanks for writing in, Emeka. To answer your questions, Dan loves putting Peter through a roller coaster of emotions and especially

loves pushing him to dark places so with the return of his greatest foes, it seemed like a perfect spot for Parker Noir! And it feels INCREDIBLE to have Stuart on ASM. He's the best in the biz in his rightful place on the best book in the biz!

See you in three weeks for ASM #30 where you'll witness the return of the SUPERIOR OCTOPUS and see what role he's got in Steve Rogers' Secret Empire. HINT: It doesn't bode well for Peter.

And one last thing, last issue I messed up the name of one one of our letter writers. Parker the Spider-Dog's servant is named JOHN Crutchfield, Jr. Mea Culpa, John. But I know Parker is VERY disappointed. See for yourself.



FORGIVE ME, PARKER!

Keep on webbing!

NICK

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